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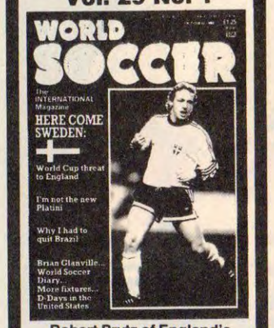

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FIFA CRASH COURSE

by Jonathan Shallad

FIFA and the International Olympic Committee are on a collision course.

At the heart of the crisis which forced an emergency meeting of FIFA's excutive in Seoul during the Olympics, is the vexed question of player qualification.

Just as Argentina's World Cup captain, Diego Maradona, was leading a swelling chorus demanding no restrictions, so FIFA were threatening to withdraw soccer from future Games.

That would be a huge upset for the organisers of the 1992 Games in Barcelona. But to go down the other road, and open up the Olympics to everyone, could be another nail in the coffin of the four-way United Kingdom representation in the World Cup.

Maradona, the world's biggest-earning footballer, was upset to see comparable superstars such as Carl Lewis and now women's tennis queen Steffi Graf off to Seoul to compete on world stage and further multiply their earnings potential.

He said: "I wanted to go to the Olympics to play for Argentina and I was very upset that the rules don't allow it. If Lewis and Graf can compete in the Olympics why are some of the best footballers forbidden ?"

History has the answer. When the Olympics were supposed to be amateur, professional footballers were obviously ineligible. Yet the Eastern Europeans, taking advantage of their phoney 'state amateur' arrangements, had a loophole which allowed them to field full national sides.

No wonder that from 1948, when Sweden won in Lond, until 1984, when France in Los Angeles, every Olympic soccer title inbetween went to Eastern Europe.

While athletics made a pretence of amateurism, soccer's status remained fronze. But once athletics threw open the doors of (more or less) financial honesty, it was all change. The Olympics had to change — because without the high profile of athletics, the Olympic Games are nothing.

FIFA, who organise the Olympic football as agents of the IOC, looked for a compromise on eligibility and found it — temporarily — by banning only those players from Europe and South America who had appeared in the World Cup.

Now that tennis is back in the Olympic fold — and, who knows, golf may soon follow — FIFA's own restrictions became clearly arbitrary and unfair. So FIFA decided that, after Seoul, Olympic football shall be open to all footballers under the age of 23.

MIKHAILICHENKO . . .decisive goal against Italy in the Soviets' Olympic semi-final victory.

Youth

After all, hadn't Olympics founder Pierre de Coubertin insisted he was "calling the youth of the world?"

That might have been all right for de Coubertin (who, incidentally, never envisaged the working class or blacks, never mind professionals, appearing in the Olympics!) but it is not all right with West Germany's Willi Daume, president of the IOC's eligibility commission.

He said in Seoul, just three days before the Olympic Opening: "The IOC is not interested in organising a youth tournament even if FIFA wants to guarantee that the World Cup retains priority in football terms. We must prevent the Olympics becoming a Youth Games. Nobody considers introducing an age limit in athletics. It would be better to have no soccer tournament than half of one

"A major soccer tournament every two years may be a development which FIFA finds hard to envisage. But I think we must come to satisfactory agreement with FIFA president Joao Havelange and his executive."

Count

Havelange's relationship with the IOC is intriguing. As a former Olympic water polo competitor he has a strong feeling for the Games. But his own early ambitions to move from FIFA president to IOC president were long ago relinquished when it became clear that his background in professional sport (i.e., soccer) would count against him in the corridors of upper-crust power.

The day before the Olympic opening FIFA held an emergency executive meeting and decided to stand firm against the principle of an 'Alternative World Cup.' General secretary Sepp Blatter said: "We will not change our position. We do not want to repeat the World Cup at the Olympics. If the IOC does not alter its stance then these Games in Seoul will see the last Olympic football event."

Blatter added that, if soccer did quit the Olympics, then FIFA would organise its own under-23 championship — presumably in Olympic Games years.

FIFA were also annoyed that Daume had spoken out publicly as he did. Blatter said: "A bit more Olympic diplomacy might have been used. We were surprised when we heard there was problem with the under-23 rule. Before the FIFA congress took that decision in July we had informal talks with the IOC president (Juan Antonio Samaranch). Maybe the IOC should have talked to us first, before going public.

"You know, we do not need Olympic soccer but maybe they need us."

Blatter's last comment underlined the strength of Olympic soccer in crowd terms. In both Moscow in 1980 and Los Angeles in 1984 soccer was the top draw.

At Los Angeles 1.4 million fans (an average of 45,300 per game) paid to watch the football. That was 300,000 more than athletics and virtually one quarter of the total of paying spectators at those Games. It is also a fact that FIFA believes it does not receive a fair slice of the Olympic profits and TV revenues — which may be a bargaining point when FIFA and the IOC battle things out later this year.

At the moment FIFA is standing its ground. Press spokesman Guido Tognoni said: "President Havelange sees no possibility for compromise on the age limit. If the IOC does not wish us to participate, that is up to the IOC. We are not dependent on the Olympics. We like being a guest at the Games but we cannot accept preconditions."

Samaranch says he still believes a compromise can be reached for Barcelona, at least. The football will, after all, be a major crowd and TV factor at the first Spanish Olympics.

One possible solution beyond that could be a bar on, say, all those players who have appeared in finals tournaments of the World Cup (instead of the current system which discriminates against only Europeans and South Americans and eoncompasses not only the World Cup finals matches, but qualifiers as well).

Any move to enforce open eligibility would mean problems for the Home Countries. Great Britain competes as one team in the other Olympic disciplines, ignoring football for fear that a unified British presence would provoke moves to restrict Britain to one team in the World Cup.

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GULLIT MAY MISS CUP GAME

RUUD GULLIT, captain of European champions Holland, is doubtful for the World Cup showdown with West Germany in Munich on October 19. Gullit sprained his left ankle in training at Milan. Coach Arrigo Sacchi says he is certain to miss the first two rounds of the new Italian season which begins on October 9.
X-REF: Beckenbauer is going for revenge — See Pages 28 and 29

THE OUTLOOK is uncertain for Scottish ambitions in the three European club competitions — whose first round return ties are being played in the first two weeks of October. In the Champions' Cup Celtic trail only 1-0 to Honved, but have been in poor form; in the Cup-winners' Cup Dundee United should easily dispose of Floriana after drawing 0-0 in Malta; but in the UEFA Cup Rangers take only a 1-0 lead away to GKS Katowice and Aberdeen will be under pressure in East Germany after being held goalless at Pittodrie by Dynamo Dresden. At least Hearts bring home a 2-0 lead over St Patrick's Athletic.

SCANDALS in Portugal and Czechoslovakia. In Portugal Famalicao have been relegated from the first to the third division for attempting buy a key promotion match last season. Their first division place has been taken up by unsuccessful second division rivals, Fafe . . . in Czechoslovakia, the president, secretary, treasurer and 20 present and past players of Bohemians are to stand trial on charges relating to slush funds operated from 1977 to 1987.

GARY LINEKER, recovering from hepatitis, made his Barcelona comeback as a second-half substitute in a 1-1 draw against Osasuna on September 25. His prospects of playing for England against Sweden in the October 19 World Cup-tie remained uncertain.
X-REF: World Cup threat — See Pages 24 and 25

THE satellite TV network, Screensport, is threatening to blow the first major hole in European football's television protection game. For the next two seasons Screensport will follow, week-by-week, the home matches of Real Madrid and Barcelona. A full-length match recording will be screened each Monday evening with a repeat on Thursdays. The two league confrontations will be screened live — starting with Real Madrid v Barcelona from the Estadio Bernabeu on the evening of Saturday, October 22.

OLYMPIC UPDATE

BRAZIL emerged from the early stages of the Olympic Games' as favourites for the gold medal for the first time. The Brazilians, runners-up to France in Los Angeles four years ago, cruised through their group thanks to the goals of star striker Romario and despite the absences of Benfica stars Valdo and Ricardo — caught up in a wrangle between club and country.

A goal from star midfielder Geovani then took Carlos Alberto Da Silva's Brazilians past Argentina in the quarter-finals, and they beat West Germany 3-2 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the semis.

The Germans, managed by former Köln star Hans Lohr, had leaned heavily on European championship stars Frank Mill and Jurgen Klinsmann — who scored a hat-trick in the 4-0 quarter-final beating of Zambia, but could not repeat the medicine against Brazil.

Earlier the Zambians had sprung one of the most riveting international surprises for years when they beat Italy 4-0 in a group match. Italy still made the semi-finals — before falling to the Soviet Union — but experts compared the defeat with the shame of the 1966 World Cup upset at the hands of North Korea.

Italy went to Seoul with five of their European championship squad in the party but, significantly, without Dino Zoff — who had guided them through the qualifiers then quit to take over at his old club, Juventus.

New Olympic coach Francesco Rocca made some controversial changes to Zoff's squad and was bitterly criticised by the surviving players for his lack of experience. That was hardly his fault. But, as federation president Antonio Matarrese said: "Now we must bring back a medal as some sort of apology to the fans at home . . . "

OLYMPIC GAMES EARLY RESULTS

Group A: China 0, West Germany 3 — Sweden 2, Tunisia 2 — Tunisia 1, W.,Germany 4 — Sweden 2, China 0 — Tunisia 0, China 0 — Sweden 2, W.Germany 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
West Germany	3	2	0	1	8	3	4
Tunisia	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
China	3	0	1	2	0	5	1

Group B: Zambia 2, Iraq 2 — Italy 5, Guatemala 2 — Iraq 3, Guatemala 0 — Zambia 4, Italy 0 — Zambia 4, Guatemala 0 — Iraq 0, Italy 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Zambia	3	2	1	0	10	2	5
Italy	3	2	0	1	7	6	4
Iraq	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Guatemala	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

Group C: S.Korea 0, Sov.Union 0 — United States 1, Argentina 1 — S.Korea 0, USA 0 — Sov.Union 2, Argentina 1 — S.Korea 1, Argentina 2 — Sov.Union 4, USA 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Argentina	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
South Korea	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
United States	3	0	2	1	3	5	2

Group D: Brazil 4, Nigeria 0 — Australia 1, Yugoslavia 0 — Yugoslavia 3, Nigeria 1 — Australia 0, Brazil 3 — Yugoslavia 1, Brazil 2 — Australia 1, Nigeria 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	9	1	6
Australia	3	2	0	1	2	3	4
Yugoslavia	3	1	0	2	4	4	2
Nigeria	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

Quarter-finals: Italy 2, Sweden 1 (aet) — Brazil 1, Argentina 0 — W.Germany 4, Zambia 0 — Soviet Union 3, Australia 0.

Semi-finals: Soviet Union 3, Italy 2 (aet) — Brazil 1, West Germany 1 (aet — Brazil 3-2 on penalties).

FULL OLYMPIC REVIEW AND STATISTICS — NEXT MONTH

AJAX CRISIS

AJAX AMSTERDAM, three times champions of Europe, are embroiled in one of the worst crises in the club's post-war history.

President Ton Harmsen and his five-man management committee resigned for fear of attack from angry fans, after Ajax crashed 3-1 to premier Division newcomers RKC — their fourth defeat in seven games. That left Ajax an unprecedented 13th in the table.

The resignations came less tha a week after the sacking of Swiss coach Kurt Linder and appointment of Anton 'Spitz' Kohn, who retains his post.

Harmsen had been the subject of increasing criticism from fans since Johan Cruyff, now coaching Barcelona, left amid controversy

ZZZ AT JUVENTUS

by JANE NOTTAGE

JUVENTUS have long been nicknamed the Zebras on account of their black-and- white striped shirts.

From now on that initial Z will be even more synonymous with the Turin giants following the £3.2 million capture of Soviet schemer Alexander Zavarov, plus the appointment as first-team coach of Dino Zoff.

Zavarov has just arrived in Turin for the Olympics-delayed start of the Italian championship carrying the weight of more pressure on his slim shoulders than any other player in Calcio.

The challenges faced by the transferring Kiev star are three-fold.

He must withstand the interest created by the first high-profile exile from Soviet soccer (Blokhin and Co in Austria and Khidiatulin at Toulouse cannot compare); he must begin a championship without rest after playing non-stop since last February; and he will be expected to work comparable magic to Michel Platini in rescuing Juventus from their sudden slide.

Juventus are undergoing major surgery in a bid to re-establish themselves in Italy and in Europe. That has not been easy either out on the pitch — where Ian Rush's ill-starred transfer was symptomatic of a team at odds with its ambition — or in the boardroom, where patron Gianni Agnelli and president Giampiero Boniperti have not always been working hand in hand.

No wonder Zavarov has already issued a public warning designed to take some of the steam out of the pressure cauldron into which he walks in Turin.

In one of last interviews as a Kiev player, Zavarov said: "I am not going to try to be another Michel Platini. I know I am expected to step into the Frenchman's boots.

"But while everyone seems to be expecting me to play Platini's role, any copy, even an ideal one, is always worse than the original.

"I am not going to change my principles, my understanding and vision of football. I firmly believe I can stay as I am."

Gaetano Scirea (Juventus) tackled by Salvatore Vullo of Sampdoria.

Zavarov also spoke out following the example of national team skipper Rinat Dasayev over the controversial financial arrangements governing his move to Italy.

Dasayev had criticised the rules — currently under review — which oblige Soviet soccer players abroad to hand over their earnings to the Soviet authorities, who then pay them a salary.

Earlier, the likes of Zinchenko and Shavlo (at Rapid Vienna) were hardly in strong bargaining positions. But Zavarov is a different case entirely when you see what is happening to the £3.2 million fee being paid out by Juve.

The Soviet federation will receive £700,000, Kiev £1.25 million fee being paid out by Juve. The Soviet federation will receive £700,000, Kiev's £1.25 million has been estimated by commentators 'in the know' as the overall cost of sending the Soviet Olympic squad to Seoul.

Like Dasayev, Zavarov is not happy. But not out of personal greed. He says: "The rules should be changed to spread the money between all those people and organisations involved — including the players. And I say this not because I want a high salary."

Zoff, the one-time Juventus and Italian World Cup-winning goalkeeper, faces a challenge akin to that taken on by Kenny Dalglish two years ago. With little apparent formal preparation, Zoff has been thrown into the toughest job in the game.

Great things are expected of him and his aide, former sweeper and club captain Gaetano Scirea.

Zoff has a managerial track record. He was appointed by the Italian federation to guide the Olympic team to Seoul. Having done that he then discovered that on returning from the Games there would be no job for him: all the other national team posts were filled and the Olympic team would be defunct for the next two years.

It was at this stage that Juventus moved in, appointing Zoff to replace the luckless Rino Marchesi.

Marchesi, at another time, might have been quite successful at Juve. It was his ill fortune to arrive in the wake of the departures not only of Giovanni Trapattoni — probably the most successful club coach currently operating in Europe — but of Michel Platini.

There was a major rebuilding job to do — and Marchesi had little say in the players chosen at huge expense by Boniperti and Agnelli to do the job.

As the stuttering season progressed, Juve just squeezed into the UEFA Cup thanks to a penalty shoot-out victory over neighbours Torino in a play- off.

Did Ian Rush fail? Was Michael Laudrup's collapse into anonymity a matter of youthful Danish fatigue or Italian misunderstanding?

It could end only one way. And Marchesi duly got the sack.

Now it is up to Zoff, ironically a former goalkeeper, to coach Juventus back into goal-scoring patterns. Not an easy task. Very few goalkeepers have ever developed into successful managers — as Juve's history demonstrates: Zoff is the first former keeper to be entrusted with the coaching job for 35 years.

He was also a contemporary of some of the players who now come under his orders.

Zoff thinks that could prove more of a help than a hindrance. He says: "Players like Antonio Cabrini and Sergio Brio have been friends of mine for years. I think that will help us in our work together rather than make it more difficult."

Cabrini returned the compliment, saying: "I am sure he will lead Juventus back to the

Squad

leading positions in the domestic, European and world game which we shared when he was playing."

Zoff's task will not be easy. If he had been presented with a squad of youthful players whose talent cried out for direction, then Zoff would surely succeed. But players such as Cabrini, Brio and the newly-acquired Alessandro Altobelli (the key to the Rush sale) have been around Italian football for a long, long time and are jealous of their dignity within the game. All three are at the veteran stage, approaching crossroads in their career.

Playing well they could be the making of Zoff the manager; playing badly they could destroy him.

SCIREA THE BOSS

MENTION Juventus or the Italian national team to anyone and the names which spring immediately into the conversation are those of Rossi, Zoff, Cabrini, Bettega, Causio — and latterly Vialli. Surprisingly low down the list would come the man who has won more domestic and international honours than all of these — sweeper Gaetano Scirea, who recently stepped gracefully into retirement to take over at Juventus.

Scirea is a quiet and gentle man, untypical of your archetypal Italian hard nut — yet he has been unquestionably the defensive cornerstone of the Juventus and national teams for the past ten years.

Elegance and poise allied to his natural attacking instincts (he was originally a centre-forward with Atalanta) combined to create a "libero" in the truest sense of the word, in the Beckenbauer mould but with attributes exclusively his own.

In a career lasting 16 years, the under-rated Scirea won virtually every honour in the football world: seven Italian League Championships; two Italian Cups; one UEFA Cup; one Cup-Winners' Cup; one European Cup; one Supercup; one Intercontinental Cup; and the World Cup with Italy in 1982.

Captain of both club and country, he holds the record number of 563 appearances for Juventus, scoring 24 goals. For the Italian side he appeared 78 times and scored two goals. His disciplinary record matches that of his playing — never sent off, never suspended.

Though greatly respected by fans and players alike, publicly Scirea was often passed over in favour of the more extrovert "stars".

This he accepts in his usual philosophical manner: "It's only natural that the Press and supporters want to talk about the stars and goal-scorers", he says.

"Platini, for example, was an exceptional player. He created incredible chances so simply. He deserved the ovations he got wherever he went."

Watching Juventus' disastrous performances last season, often from the bench where he was being groomed for his new post, Scirea must have been close to disillusionment.

He says: "It is particularly difficult for a club like ours, which is geared only to success and more success. We are so used to winning things . . . it is a new experience to have to struggle."

Indeed, the Turin club just clawed their way into Italy's final UEFA Cup place in May, beating city rivals Torino at the last moment of a play-off.

During the penalty shoot-out, stopper Sergio Brio missed his spot-kick. "At that moment," admits Scirea, "I have to say there was some panic down on the pitch. But as things turned out, at least I have left with the team still in European competition. It would have been unthinkable to be absent after a 25 year consecutive run."

So now begins a totally new career for the man who so successfully fulfilled his childhood dreams of becoming a footballer. This season he is second-in-command to his close friend and World Cup team-mate Dino Zoff.

Juventus' long search for a successor to the unfortunate Rino Marchesi ended on June 1, when press favourite Gigi Maifredi finally and surprisingly declined president Boniperti's offer, choosing instead to stay with unfashionable Bologna whom he had guided into Serie A.

Zoff, although apparently second choice, could nonetheless be the best thing to happen to Juventus for years. He knows the club inside out, having played for them up to the age of 42. His appointment brought an almost audible sigh of relief from Scirea, who could scarcely hide his happiness.

"Had Maifredi come to Turin, I would no doubt have learnt a lot of new things," he says.

"However, with Dino I personally have a great advantage — I already know exactly how he thinks. His presence will certainly make my 'baptism' easier.

"Let's hope he will bring to management all the success he enjoyed as a player. He has all the quality required — both as a professional and as a man. I will listen and watch and support Dino in whatever way I can."

Scirea played under three very different manager in his 14 years at Juventus — Carlo Parola, Giovanni Trapattoni and latterly Marchesi.

Something he values and intends to use to help him are the "secrets" he has gleaned from the three men: "From Parola I learned how to make youngsters become responsible; from Trapattoni determination and the ability to keep a team properly united on and off the field; from Marchesi tranquility."

And from the great Enzo Bearzot who led Italy to World Cup triumph? "That extraordinary element humanity, which is at the base of every success."

If he handles his new assignment with as much skill and decency as he has done an exceptional career, we could one day in the not too distant future see Gaetano Scirea as Juventus manager — and a very successful one at that.

THE KING OF ROME?

by BRIAN HOMEWOOD

HE COULD be the new King of Rome. Or he could be another one of those players who goes to Italy with hopes of becoming a household name worldwide only to flop and be hounded by the local press.

Renato Portaluppi is confident he can make the adaptation to Italian football successfully and follow in the footsteps of countryman Falcao, who became known as the 'King of Rome'. Quite a few people in his native Brazil claim he is over-rated, think that the transfer to Italy has gone to his head and are waiting to see him fall flat on his face.

Twenty-five-year-old Renato has just been transferred to Roma for around £1.8 million. He has signed a three-year contract with the Italians for which he will receive £1.4 million, plus house and car.

Whether he provides his employers with value for money is a question many people in Brazil are asking and could be one of the more interesting stories in the Italian league this season.

If Renato fulfils his potential he could actually turn out to be a bargain. He is the sort of player the crowd loves: fast, strong and at his best when running at defenders.

The manager of the Brazilian national team Carlos Alberto Silva, says that each team needs an outstanding individual capable of surprising defenders and he hopes Renato can fill that role for Brazil in the next World Cup.

Thanks to his flair, Renato has become an idol with the supporters of Flamengo in just one year, even though he is still little-known outside his own country. He receives over 200 letters a month from mainly female admirers and when it was known that the Italians were interested in him, many supporters started a campaign to get him to stay.

Banners went up at Flamengo's home game with the message 'Stay Renato'. Before one game it was announced that all children who came to the stadium wearing a Flamengo shirt with Renato's number — seven — on the back would be allowed onto the field to meet him; and a light plane was chartered to fly over Rio's most crowded beaches on a Sunday trailing the 'Stay Renato' message behind it.

One group of supporters also threatened to stop any Italians entering the club to speak to the directors and the player.

But Renato is not everyone's favourite. He argues with referees, who in Brazil tend to put up with it. In Europe it could get him into trouble. And he is one of those players who attempts to con referees into giving penalties and free kicks by diving or exaggerating a fall when he is fouled.

Some commentators feel he is too greedy. Following a recent match against Vasco, newspaper columnist and ex-national team manager Joao Saldanha wrote: "Renato will never become King of Rome if he plays like he did yesterday. Falcao managed to get that title but he used to pass the ball."

He is also regarded as temperamental. After the same supporters who usually idolise him had booed him off the field after a recent poor performance, he told the local press that he would pull out of the team if it happened again. One can only imagine what Roma's management will say if he makes the same threat in Italy.

Just six hours after speaking to World Soccer, he was sent off in another game against Vasco after a punch-up with opponent Romario. He was dropped from Brazil's 1986 World Cup team because of what he described as a personality clash with manager Tele Santana. And one ex-patriate Scotsman in Rio said that Flamengo were "laughing" because he felt Renato was worth nothing like the money they received for him.

Renato also likes a bit of action off the field. He is a frequent visitor to Zoom, one of Rio's trendiest discotheques, and owns 67 pairs of trousers, 22 pairs of shoes and 15 pairs of tennis shoes.

When you speak to him he comes across as likeable and friendly and he handles the pressures of the Brazilian press with admirable patience.

Renato was born in Guapore in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Southern Brazil, on September 19, 1962. He began playing football at the age of seven and it soon became an obsession.

"I used to play football all the time. I didn't go to school. I used to leave the house with some books under my arm so my mother would think I was going but then I went to play football with some friends," he said.

When he was 18, Renato was selected to join the Gremio club of Porto Alegre after impressing the club's talent spotters during a trial match. He played in the youth team but was so impressive that after just two months he was able to turn professional and play in the first team. He has not looked back.

In 1983 he was part of the Gremio team which won the Brazilian championship, the Copa Libertadores and the World Club championship. He says: "That was the highlight of my career, together with winning the Brazilian championship with Flamengo last year."

Roma's new recruit. . . Renato.

Even at that stage, some supporters had started to hero worship him — "But it was never like it has become at Flamengo. In Rio I had to stay at home most of the time.

"The only time I could go out was in the evening. Whenever I went out during the day, to the bank or to buy clothes, there were always people wanting to shake my hand and get my autograph."

He told World Soccer that he receives over 200 letters a month. "They come from all over Brazil. They say everything you could imagine. I would like to reply to them but I just don't have the time."

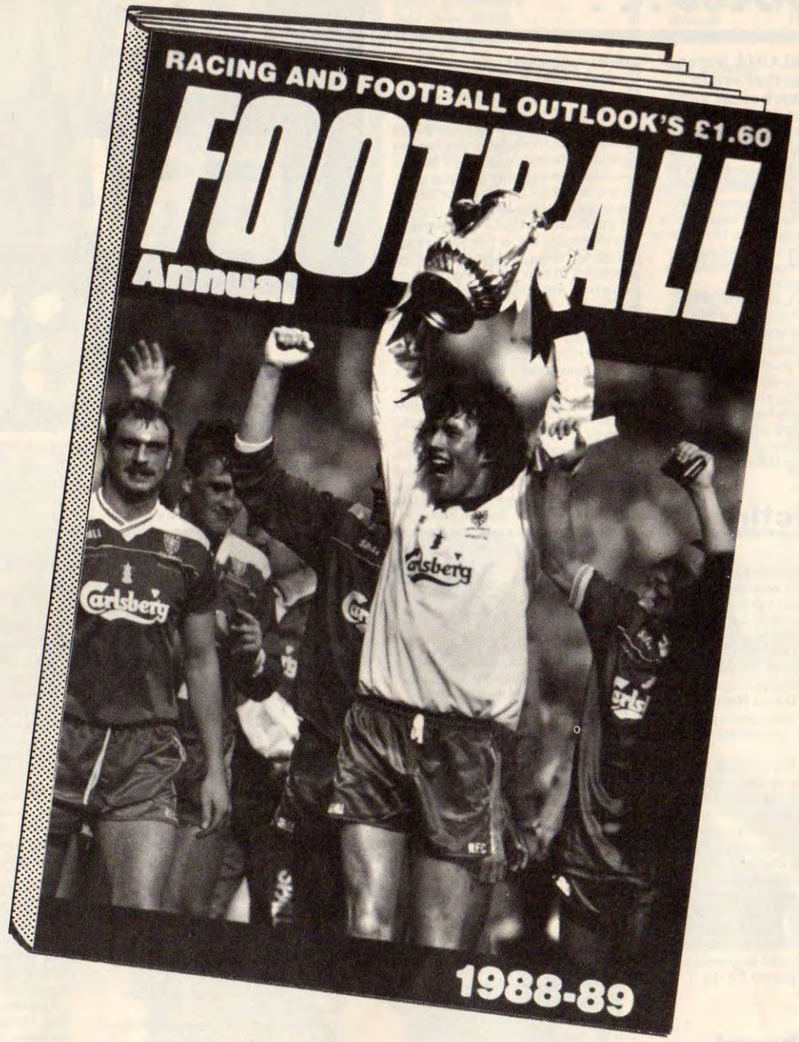
Renato left Gremio for Flamengo in the middle of 1986 where he played alongside his own idol — Zico. He became so happy with life in Rio and the warmth of the fans that as late as April he was saying that he was prepared to forsake the money of Italy. But not two months later he had signed for Roma. What made him change his mind?

"I realised there was no way I could make the money the Italians were offering me in Brazil. In Brazil I would have to play for 30 years to make that sort of money. The money I will get in Italy will give me security for life. In addition the income tax here in Brazil is very high.

"Italian football is the best in the world. All the top players go there. It is better organised than here. Here you have too much violence. If a guy injures another player here, nothing happens to him. In Italy, the guy gets punished."

Renato's ambitions now are to win the Italian league with his new club and to play for Brazil in the 1990 World Cup. He said that missing the World Cup in Mexico was the biggest disappointment of his career.

Whatever else you say about him, Renato is certainly not short of confidence. He told one Brazilian reporter that he was a more complete player than Ruud Gullit, on the grounds that he can shoot with both feet. He described his own strengths as "speed, strength, personality and determination." He added: "I don't want to talk about the weaknesses."



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NEW BARCA ERA — OR A FALSE DAWN?

by Duncan Shaw

BARCELONA began yet another era in their turbulent history by laying the biggest ghost of the previous era.

Johan Cruyff got off to a flying start in one of the hottest seats in world football when his new Barca outfit picked up their own Trofeo Joan Gamper, beating bogey team Steaua Bucharest 3-1 in the final in Camp Nou with a surprisingly exciting performance that augurs well for the future.

It was Steaua, of course, who heralded the beginning of the end of the Venables era, defeating Barca on penalties in the 1986 European Cup final in Sevilla. That defeat provoked a two-year crisis at the Catalan club, a crisis which has finally been resolved by signing up Cruyff and no fewer than 12 new players, at a total cost of around £13 million.

Victim

The Alesanco rape case in Holland and the poor results obtained in earlier pre-season tournaments caused Catalan fans to fear the worst when Steaua, PSV Eindhoven and Penarol of Montevideo flew in for the 23rd edition of the Gamper, now rated alongside the Teresa Herrera in La Coruna as the most prestigious of the many Spanish summer tournaments.

In addition, Barca could not line up the surprise new signing Aloisio — preparing for the Brazilian Olympic effort in Seoul — nor hepatitis victim Gary Lineker, nor injured forwards Ernesto Valverde and Jose Maria Baquero. And so it was an all-Spanish Barca who faced Penarol in the semi-final, ironic given the Catalan club's previous abundance of foreigners and the fact that the federation assembly had voted to permit a third overseas player for the coming season.

Vibrant

Before the Barca-Penarol clash, Steaua and PSV had warmed up the crowd with a vibrant match. The Rumanians were well worth their victory over a seemingly fatigued PSV who clearly missed the injured Ivan Nielsen, Soren Lerby and Frank Arnesen.

Steaua had more than enough chances to win in normal time, but — in the light of recent history — nobody was surprised when the semi-final went to penalties.

Pena had opened the scoring after a Lacatus break 15 minutes from time, only for Gillhaus to head home an equaliser with just two minutes remaining. The decisive penalties were missed by Kieft and Valkx.

There was enormous interest in seeing how Cruyff's new tactical system would function against Penarol. The South American counter-attacks, launched chiefly by the speedy Vidal and Viera, caused a number of problems for Barca's three man defence of Lopez Recarte, the pardoned Alesanco and Julio Alberto. Zubizarreta was asked to play as a kind of second sweeper — like Menzo under Cruyff at Ajax — and rushed out of his goal to good effect, before leaving injured. It was no fault of his when the lively Rodriguez equalised Roberto's first half goal five minutes after the interval, after a break by Baran had caught Barca short at the back.

Cruyff admits that a defence of just three playing in line involves taking big risks. But he claims it's necessary in order to have numerical superiority in the midfield.

And indeed it was this superiority which defeated the South Americans. The revelation for the home team, however, was not one of the five new signings on display, but 22-year-old Luis Milla, promoted by Cruyff from the nursery team, who turned in an excellent performance playing just in front of the defence. A replacement for Bernd Schuster?

But it took a move by three of the big-money buys to restore Barca's lead and book a place in the final. With 20 minutes left, Miguel Soler centered from the left, Julio Salinas provided a touch of class and Eusebio shot home past Alvez. Cruyff's new team had passed their first test of fire.

The high standard of the tournament was maintained with a compelling clash of South American and European styles in the third-place match, won by Penarol on penalties after a 3-3 draw. PSV looked even more exhausted, and were saved from humiliation in this inter-continental encounter of champions — which could well be repeated in Tokyo in December — by a hat-trick from magnificent Ronald Koeman. No doubt it was fatigue which caused the blond sweeper to miss his spot-kick at the end, for he hadn't stopped running all night.

The star for the Uruguayans was again the coloured Rodriguez, this time scoring two splendid goals. Clearly a name for the future.

An illustration of how profound the changes have been rung at Barcelona is that only two survivors of the 1986 defeat — Julio Alberto and Carrasco — took part in the Catalan's 3-1 revenge victory over Steaua in the final, played in front of 90,000 enthusiastic fans.

But these fans had a tough time in the first half, when it seemed that Barca were going to fall to the Rumanians again . . . on penalties.

Nightmare

The home team began stronger, and were awarded a spot-kick after a quarter of an hour when Roberto was brought crashing down. Silviu Lung saved Eusebio's weak penalty, however, and just four minutes later Gheorge Hagi put Steaua ahead from the spot after Zubizarreta had felled the onrushing Lacatus. The Catalan nightmare was repeating itself . . . until the previously dormant Aitor Beguiristain curled in a beautiful goal 15 minutes after the interval.

That was the moment of inspiration which changed the course of the match, for afterwards Barca poured forward with renewed confidence and vigour. Ten minutes later, Julio Salinas dribbled through the Steaua defence with characteristic style and was brought down by Ungureanu.

This time it was Roberto who stepped forward for the spot kick, and made no mistake with a powerful drive. Young midfielder Guillermo Amor wrapped it all up at 3-1 with a magnificent drive in the final minute.

Fear

Afterwards, it was a smiling Cruyff who faced the media army — "Of course, I'm very satisfied, especially with the support of the crowd, which helped us to victory. At half time, I told them to play without fear, and this was what happened. To arrive at the destination we want, we've got a long road to travel down, and we've only just begun. But if we continue like this . . ."

Two nights earlier, club presidents Jose Luis Nunez had been far more explicit when — addressing the annual assembly of Barca supporters clubs — he explained the reason for the dramatic changes in the playing squad.

Nunez said: "The person most affected by the events of last year (the players' rebellion against him) was me. For ten years, I'd shared every problem with them: marriage problems, houses, investments. But there's been no personal revenge here, no vendettas against the protesting players. They had to leave and others had to arrive because that was what the trainer wanted."

Nunez was warmly applauded, because the great majority of fans are in favour of the clear-out. He then went on to put a question mark over whether he would present himself again at the forthcoming club elections.

"That's something I still haven't decided. They've been ten long years, and although very satisfied, I also admit to being somewhat weary. But if I do decide to stand down, I'll do so with the satisfaction of leaving the club in a better condition than when I took over, with 30,000 more members and a far better financial position. . . ."

Nunez' decision will obviously depend, to a large extent, on whether Cruyff's new team continues in the style that it has begun, or whether the exciting victory in the Joan Gamper constitutes just one more false dawn for Barcelona.

TROFEO JOAN GAMPER, BARCELONA

Semi-final, August 23

Steaua Bucharest 1 (Pena 73)
PSV Eindhoven 1 (Gillhaus 88)
Steaua win 4-2 on penalties

Steaua: Lung — Iovan, Petrescu, Belodedici, Ungureanu — Stoica, Dumitrescu, Hagi, Rotariu — Lacatus (Balint 76), Pena (Lasconi 82).

PSV: Van Breukelen — Gerets, Valkx, Koeman, Heintze — Vannerburg (Veldman 77), Van Aerle, Linskens (Berghuis 77), Kruzen — Kieft, Gillhaus.

Semi-final, August 23

Barcelona 2 (Roberto 32, Eusebio 70)
Penarol 1 (Rodriguez 49)

Barcelona: Zubizarreta (Unzue 59) — Lopez Recarte, Alesanco, Julio Alberto — Eusebio (Ramon 75), Milla, Roberto, Soler — Carrasco (Urbano 87), Julio Salinas, Beguiristain (Amor 75).

Penarol: Alvez — Herrera, Pilas, Rotti, Dominguez — Matosas, Perdomo, Baran, Viera (Ramos 43, Villar 85) — Vidal, Rodriguez.

3rd place match — August 24

Penarol 3 (Rodriguez 30, 43, Viera 77 (pen))
PSV Eindhoven 3 (Koeman 32, 58 (pen), 88)
Penarol win 3-1 on penalties

Penarol: Alvez — Herrera, Pilas, Rotti (sent off), Dominguez — Matosas, Perdomo, Ramos (Rivero 41), Viera — Vidal (Villar 87), Rodriguez.

PSV: Van Breukelen (Lodemyks 45) — Gerets (sent off), Valkx (Veldman 45), Koeman, Heintze — Vannerburg, Van Aerle, Linskens (Kruzen 78), Koot — Kieft (Berghuis 83), Gillhaus.

Final — August 24

Barcelona 3 (Beguiristain 59, Roberto 69 (pen), Amor 89)
Steaua Bucharest 1 (Hagi 19 pen))

Barcelona: Zubizarreta — Lopez Recarte, Serna, Julio Alberto — Eusebio (Amor 60), Milla, Roberto, Soler — Carrasco (Ramon 78), Julio Salinas (Urbano 87), Beguiristain.

Steaua: Lung — Iovan, Petrescu, Belodedici, Ungureanu — Stoica, Dumitrescu (Mastacan 79), Hagi (Balint 62), Rotariu — Lacatus, Pena (Lusconi 73).

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Goalkeepers	*Age*	*Prev. club*	*Sgd*	*Caps*
Andoni ZUBIZARRETA	26	Bilbao	1986	34
Juan Carlos UNZUE	21	Osasuna	1988	—
Jose COVELO	25	—	—	—
Defenders				
Luis Maria LOPEZ RECARTE	26	Real Sociedad	1988	3
CRISTOBAL Parralo Aguilera	21	—	—	—
Jose Ramon ALESANCO	32	Bilbao	1980	34
Ricardo SERNA	24	Sevilla	1988	—
SALVA (Salvador Garcia Puig)	27	Zaragoza	1984	6
Manuel Ruiz HIERRO	25	Valladolid	1988	—
ALOISIO Pires Alvez	24	Botafogo	1988	Brz Oly.
JULIO ALBERTO Moreno	29	Atletico Madrid	1982	35
Miguel SOLER	23	Espanol	1988	9
MIGUELI (Miguel B'do Bianquetti)	36	Cadiz	1979	32
SERGIO Lopez	20	—	—	—
Midfield				
EUSEBIO Sacristan Mena	24	Atletico Madrid	1988	5
Luis MILLA	22	—	—	—
ROBERTO Fernandez	26	Valencia	1986	9
URBANO Oretega	26	Espanol	1982	—
Guillermo AMOR	20	—	—	—
Juan Carlos Perez ROJO	28	—	—	1
Ramon Maria CALDERE	29	—	—	18
Forwards				
Ernesto VALVERDE	24	Espanol	1988	—
Francisco Jose CARRASCO	29	—	—	—
Aitor BEGUIRISTAIN	23	Real Sociedad	1988	5
Jose Maria BAQUERO	25	Real Sociedad	1988	10
Julio SALINAS	26	Atletico Madrid	1988	14
Gary LINEKER	27	Everton	1986	34
Francisco CLOS	28	—	—	3
Francisco LOPEZ LOPEZ	22	—	—	—

UEFA AND THE EEC

by IAIN MACLEOD

GIVEN the current deadlock in the conflict between UEFA and the European Economic Community (EEC) over the number of "non-nationals" a club may field in European competition, the draw for the first round of this season's Recopa threw up a tie of splendid irony.

The intriguing pairing of Derry City and Cardiff City, two clubs who will be uniquely affected by any change in the regulations, offered Europe a glimpse of what it might expect in 1992.

That is, of course, if change can be effected in what is an on-going saga which shows no sign of reaching a successful conclusion. The present relationship between UEFA and the EEC is uneasy to say the least.

The EEC, through its former commissioner of social affairs, the Spaniard, Manuel Marin, and his successor, the Irishman, Peter Sutherland, have plagued UEFA for years to try and bring it in line with community regulations.

But UEFA's compromise proposal — restricting to four players (from 16- man squads) the number of "non-nationals" each club can play in European competition — brought a predictable reaction of dismay from the four United Kingdom federations and some quaint problems.

It has been an idiosyncratic exercise from the outset. And, if the EEC had had their way when, illogically, they declared themselves content with a limit of six players, it would have been a worthless one.

UEFA, however, countered and for once sensibly recommended that the limit should be four. Whether it will ever be ratified is now questionable as Jaques Georges, the UEFA President, announced in Dusseldorf on the eve of the European Championships that the decision had been taken to "break up the negotiations with the EEC. We are at a deadlock."

On the other hand, with EEC clubs being bound by community regulations, the decision will almost certainly exacerbate the confrontation as the contention has already been made by certain lawyers that, even with a limit of four, UEFA still remain in breach of EEC regulations.

Which would pose an intriguing legal problem, given that the European Court of Justice have already stated that professional sport is subject to community law and that discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

UEFA's position is not at all certain. But as the Berne-based organization comes under the dictates of Swiss law it may feel that as it runs its competitions accordingly the EEC are not in a position to dictate the terms on which they are conducted.

It is a view echoed as much by Jaques Georges when he said: "We can make up whatever rules we want as long as they are within Swiss laws, as we have nothing to do with the EEC."

That, though, would bring the clubs on a collision course with both organisations. But the practical problems lie elsewhere. And it seems inconceivable that the executive committee which is comprised almost wholly of lawyers did not have the foresight to visualise a minefield ahead.

The vagaries of the regulations practiced by some national federations would, in fact, bring certain clubs not only in conflict with UEFA and the EEC, but governments as well. So, what of Ireland, Wales, Belgium, Portugal and Switzerland?

And, what, for that matter, of the merit of the proposed regulation? Well, UEFA, fearful of the effect freedom of movement would have on each nation's domestic game, sensibly, I feel, wants to keep the limit on the number of foreign imports as low as possible.

Although the impact made by some foreigners is undeniable, the adverse effect which too many can have should not be underestimated. English clubs, laden with imports dominated the European club competitions for over a decade; the national side, in the same period, did virtually nothing.

Commonsense is only rarely displayed although Spain, for instance now permits three foreign players and Italy's new increased quota of three was confirmed, amid great acrimony, just a few months ago.

The Italians, of course, are a case in point on the dangers of excess, having had open house for years. They then banned all foreigners in 1966 just after the shock World Cup defeat against North Korea — though it had been agreed beforehand — and reopened the borders only in 1980.

And, although it may be coincidental, Italy won the World Cup two years later having enjoyed 14 years free from foreign intrusion.

UEFA will be taking a close look at the situation and are well aware that they may find themselves brought before the European Court of Justice.

Conversely, however, the EEC, having long threatened such a course of action also knows that any decision is likely to have little effect on UEFA. Switzerland's famed neutrality and its non-membership of the trade bloc are a powerful combination which bows to no one.

The Swiss themselves, although not bound by EEC dictates may well suffer in Europe as their clubs live with a most curious system which lists their players in four categories:

★ The Swiss themselves;
★ those who have been in residence for seven years;
★ those who do not live in Switzerland but are resident within 10 kilometres and;
★ foreigners.

Where the Swiss system will fall down in the event of new regulations relates to the fact that, those of the first three categories are all considered "nationals", and many of the foreigners fall into categories two and three. Belgium, too, operates a similar system:

★ A five-year residential qualification entitles a player to be called a "national";
★ youngsters who have made their home in Belgium prior to their 18th birthday are classified likewise.

But one of the more complex cases exists in the Iberian peninsula where the Portuguese have an agreement with Brazil that any one coming 'Home' Inter-Governmental is automatically entitled to claim dual nationality. Footballers, too.

Portugal, consequently, imports large numbers of second-rate Brazilians; and in theory, a club like Belenenses could field a side which contains say, six or seven players whom the EEC may regard as alien, but who are in effect considered Portuguese nationals.

When UEFA announced in the spring that it would impose restrictions there was a common misnomer that it was the great clubs of Europe — Barcelona, Juventus etc — who would have most to lose if the new rule were ever to be enforced. It is now evident that the major problems will be incurred by the small clubs.

Furthermore, given the almost paranoid mistrust of UEFA, and to a greater extent, of FIFA, which exists within the confines of our island kingdom, the British, typically, see all this as a sinister plot to undermine for ever the independence of the four United Kingdom federations.

This has been reflected in recent year's by Britain's reticence in entering an Olympic team, and the fear of Latin chicanery is at the back of the minds of those in the UK federations who persist with a plea to UEFA to be regarded as a special case.

"You (the British) want four votes in the international body and you want to enter four teams in the European Championships and the World Cup, so we must regard you as four separate federations," Georges said. Does a single UK team beckon?

Which brings me to the Irish and the Welsh. Both nations, like Scotland, have long been the breeding grounds for Football League clubs, but with restrictions on the number of "foreign" players English would have to re- evaluate their policy of employing other British nationals, Irish connections to think twice about applying for citizenship.

That, of course, might well assist the development of small clubs. But it is a double-edged sword as most of them rely heavily — indeed, in many cases for survival — on the often vast sums to be earned from transfer fees.

Moreover, the Irish and Welsh clubs will face the kind of problems in Europe they never would have envisaged a year ago. The top Welsh clubs, Cardiff, Wrexham and Swansea play in the English league, for there is no national league, but their passport to Europe, though, is through the Welsh Cup.

It is, therefore, not unlikely that the Welsh Cup holders could include seven or eight English players in their usual line-up. But under the proposed regulations only four would be eligible to play in Europe, thus stretching the club's limited resources.

The most interesting case, however, is Derry City, resident in the hard core Catholic area of East Belfast; a Northern Ireland club which competes, uniquely, in the Republic of Ireland League.

On May 1, the famous old club whose fortunes were resurrected only in the past decade, beat Dundalk 1-0 to create a remarkable piece of history — they won the FAI Cup. But, on entering Europe, and UEFA's regulations not withstanding, Derry did not even know if they were permitted to play at the Brandywell — north of the border.

Derry's side in the cup final included seven "non-nationals" so, as a Northern Ireland side one perplexing question arises; Do they have to name 12 players eligible for that nations side, or, as members of the FAI do they, in turn, require 12 players who can represent Eire.

For, intriguingly, the Republic of Ireland's Constitution still regards the nation as a 32-county state (26 in the South, 6 in the North), which ensures that a player born in Northern Ireland can claim an Irish passport. Technically, whichever part of Ireland a player is from should not matter.

Furthermore, for the purposes of Olympic competition they are still entitled to field an All Ireland team. All of which goes to emphasis the anomalies which will have to be clarified by UEFA if, at some time in the future they, and the EEC, the ruling is made statutory to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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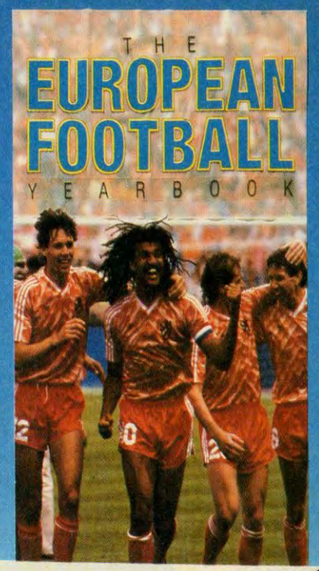

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TORE BRODD, former secretary and president of the Swedish FA, died aged 71. Brodd began in football administration as deputy secretary of the Hssselby SK club when only 16. In 1951 he joined the board of the FA and was president from 1969 to 1984, incorporating the job of secretary from 1970 to 1974. From 1976 to 1984 he was a member of various FIFA and UEFA commissions and, at the time of his death, was honorary president of the FA. He was also involved in senior roles in general sports administration, in table tennis and in the Swedish Hunters' Association.

ALF MARTINSEN, former Norway international of the 1930s and 1940s, has died aged 76. Martinsen, one of the great figures in the history of the Lillestrom club, scored ten goals in 25 appearances for Norway and was a member of the team which won the Olympic bronze medal in Berlin in 1936 — after beating Germany in front of an enraged Hitler. Martinsen played his last international in 1946.

VICENTE SEGUI, former Spanish international outside left, died on June 30, aged 62. Segui played for Valencia between 1946 and 1959 when he moved to neighbours Levante for one last season before retiring.

WALTER TANNER, who played four times for Switzerland just after the war, has died in Grenchen, aged 75. Tanner played his club football in the 1930s and 1940s with Servette and Grenchen.

KURT HOLKE, former East German under-23 team coach, has died aged 65. Holke was an outside right in his playing days with Eintracht Sudenburg, Stahl and Motor Mitte Magdeburg — his home city. From 1954 to 1969 he was a senior coach with Magdeburg and then took over Lok Leipzig from 1969 to 1971. From then until 1976 he was under-23 and under-21 national coach.

WILLY REITGASSL, West German international right winger, has died aged 52. Reitgassl began with minor clubs SpVgg Landshut and VfB Coburg and then made his name with Karlsruhe and Kaiserslautern — playing 126 Bundesliga matches between 1962 and 1967.

CONSTANTINO TESSAROLO, Lazio president from 1953 to 1957, has died aged 92.

BONIFACIO SMERZY, goalkeeper with Ambrosiana-Internazionale between 1928 and 1938, has died aged 79.

STUART LEARY, former Charlton footballer and Kent cricketer, was found dead on the slopes of Cape Town's Table Mountain. Leary, who had been missing for four days, was 55.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

ACTION: Finland and Bulgaria draw 1-1 in Vaasa . . . in the South American club cup, America Cali and Nacional of Uruguay draw 0-0 — and both proceed to the second round. In group five, Universitario beat Alianza 2-0 while Guarani beat Sport Recife 4-1.

EGYPT: Al Ahly sign Dietrich Weise, one-time coach to Eintracht Frankfurt.

FRANCE: Lens are disappointed when Scotland forward Gordon Strachan makes a last-minute change of mind and decides not to join them from Manchester United.

HOLLAND: Barcelona captain Jose Ramon Alesanco is arrested in Arnhem, accused of raping a chambermaid, at the hotel where the Spanish club are encamped for pre-season training.

ITALY: Juventus say Michael Laudrup will be staying, after all, after he scores twice in a 3-1 friendly win over Luzern.

POLAND: GKS Katowice sign Andrzej Rudy from Slask Wroclaw for a domestic record fee of £70,000.

UNITED STATES: Rick Davis, nine goals in 38 appearances, is named captain of the US Olympic squad bound for Seoul.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

ACTION: Finland draw 1-1 with Bulgaria in a friendly . . . Tunisia virtually assure their progress in the World Cup African qualifiers thanks to a 5-0 thrashing of Guinea . . . in the Amsterdam four-team tournament, Sampdoria crush European Cup finalists Benfica 5-1 (Vialli and Mancini two goals each) while hosts Ajax lose 1-0 to Flamengo . . . in Rotterdam, Feyenoord beat Aberdeen 2-1 and newly-signed Nico Claesen scores both Antwerp goals as the Belgian club draw 2-2 with Real Madrid . . . in Bern, Torino beat Everton 4-3 on penalties after a 2-2 in the tournament final there . . . in Budapest, MTK/VM win their own anniversary tournament, beating Ferencvaros 2-1 in the final.

BELGIUM: Antwerp and Pisa finally reach agreement on the transfer of Belgian top scorer Francis Severeyns to Italy — after Pisa agree to pay £700,000 rather than the £400,000 originally offered. UEFA officials and administrators had been put on standby to sort out the wrangle.

DENMARK: Lyngby sign veteran midfielder Klaus Berggren from Roma.

GREECE: Diego Aguirre, the Uruguayan banned in Greece for doping, is sold by Olympiakos to Fiorentina.

ITALY: Bologna at last complete the transfer of Chile's Hugo Rubio, which had been held pending agreement between his last club, Colo Colo and Cobreloa, who had claimed a percentage of any sale fee to Italy.

PORTUGAL: Ricardo, the Fluminense defender who captains Brazil's Olympics team, signs a three-year contract with Benfica.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

ACTION: A rare friendly for Albania, who draw 0-0 in Tirana with touring Cuba . . . in the latest Marlboro Cup, in Los Angeles, Universidad de Guadalajara beat the Ireland Olympic team 1-0 . . . in the South American Cup, Colo Colo beat Tachira of Venezuela 1-0.

FRANCE: After six rounds of the championship Sochaux, Monaco and Toulon are all level at the top on 11 points.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Ghana are surprisingly held 0-0 at home by Liberia and Angola and Sudan draw 0-0 in Luanda . . . in the South American cup, Argentina's Newell's Old Boys beat domestic rivals San Lorenzo 1-0 . . . in the Rotterdam tournament Feyenoord take the title after a 3-3 draw with Real Madrid . . . Anderlecht win the Bruges tournament, beating their hosts 3-1 in the final.

AUSTRIA: Hungarian veteran Tibor Nyilasi announces his retirement.

BRAZIL: Busy day for transfers — with Ricardo (Fluminense) on his way to Benfica, Everton (Corinthians) and Romario (Vasco) are both involved in talks with FC Porto. Simultaneously Josimar returns to Botafogo from his loan to Spain's Sevilla.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

ACTION: Iceland lose 3-2 to Bulgaria in Reykjavik.

EAST GERMANY: Andreas Thom of Dynamo Berlin is voted Footballer of the Year.

ENGLAND: The League clubs at last accept ITV's exclusive £11 million-a-year offer. The first division clubs will share 75 per cent of the cash.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

ACTION: Norway draw 1-1 with Bulgaria . . . Rangers beat Bordeaux 3-1 in a Davie Cooper testimonial.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

ACTION: In the Cup-winners' Cup preliminary first leg, Bekescsaba of Hungary beat Bryne of Norway 3-0.

FRANCE: Racing suspend skipper Luis Fernandez for a week after a row with coach Artur Jorge.

PORTUGAL: The federation votes in favour of ratifying the controversial transfer of Zaire star Ndinga to Vitoria Guimaraes . . . Brazilian striker Juary switches from FC Porto to neighbours Boavista.

SPAIN: Barcelona captain Jose Ramon Alesanco flies home to Spain from Holland after being released on unconditional bail by a magistrate.

SWITZERLAND: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who has been playing sweeper for Servette, is switched back into attack for the home game against St Gallen and responds with four goals in a 7-1 win.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

ITALY: Marco Van Basten is being sued by Johan Cruyff — or, at least, by Cruyff's kit company since Van Basten has signed a deal to switch to an Italian sports outfitter!

SPAIN: A Paraguayan national team (without the stars of Cerro and Olimpia — both engaged in the South American club cup) draw 1-1 with Betis in a friendly in Seville.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

ACTION: South Korea's Olympic team, preparing for the Games in Seoul, draw 2-2 with Argentine tourists Racing Club.

FRANCE: Struggling Saint-Etienne draw 0-0 at home to Marseille.

ITALY: Hush-hush talks are apparently concluded on the subject of an imminent transfer of Kiev's Alexander Zavarov to Juventus.

PORTUGAL: Promoted Famalicao are accused of match-fixing at the end of last season. The federation announces an investigation.

YUGOSLAVIA: The federation decides to introduce a penalty shoot-out if teams are level at the end of 90 minutes. Winning teams get two points, drawn match winners get one point, drawn match losers and 'real' losers both get nothing. The idea is the brainchild of national team supremo Miljan Miljanic, and is expected to help control the widespread match-fixing.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

ACTION: The United States make World Cup progress thanks to a 5-1 qualifying win over Jamaica . . . in the new Wembley International four-team tournament, Arsenal beat shaky Tottenham 4-0 and Milan — without injured Ruud Gullit — beat Bayern Munich 1-0 with a goal from Virdis.

FAROE ISLANDS: HB beat NSI 1-0 in the cup final.

FRANCE: Racing reinstate Fernandez in their squad after a cool-the-air meeting with coach Artur Jorge.

HUNGARY: Tatabanya are threatened with legal action by Lecce because Istvan Vincze, whom Lecce believe they have bought outright, is being ordered to report to Budapest military authorities to begin his national service.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

ACTION: European champions PSV Eindhoven carry off the most prestigious of the Spanish summer tournaments when they beat Atletico Madrid 3-1 after extra time in the final of the Trofeo Teresa Herrera in La Coruna . . . Finals day at Wembley, with Arsenal collecting the trophy thanks to a 3-0 beating of Bayern Munich. In the other match, Milan beat Tottenham 2-1 with goals from Virdis and Van Basten. Ruud Gullit is again absent, injured. But a major disappointment is the crowd, 'only' 27,369.

BELGIUM: Waterschei sign Malta's star forward. Carmelo Busuttil, formerly with the Italian regional league side, Verbania.

FRANCE: Toulon go top, two points clear of Sochaux and Paris Saint-Germain, thanks to a 1-0 victory over champions Monaco.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Linfield, banned from Windsor Park for crowd misbehaviour, agree to play at Lokeren, Belgium, the second leg of their forthcoming UEFA Cup tie against TPs of Finland.

POLAND: Champions Gornik quickly into their stride — beating Szombierki Bytom 8-3 in only the third match of the new season.

SPAIN: Barcelona buy Botafogo and Brazil fullback, Aloisio, having been pipped by Benfica in a bid for Brazil's Olympic skipper, Ricardo . . . Elche beat a Paraguay XI 3-1.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

ARGENTINA: Daniel Passarella and his family are held prisoner in their home for an hour by armed robbers.

SOVIET UNION: A forged tickets scandal is revealed in Dnepropetrovsk, where a traffic policeman is arrested after selling 150 such tickets in just ten minutes at the equivalent of £3 each.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

ARGENTINA: River Plate lose Ruggeri and Alzamendi to Logrones of Spain.

MOROCCO: Jaime Valente, a Brazilian, is appointed new manager of the Morocco national team. Valente was manager once before, guiding Morocco to victory in the 1983 Mediterranean Games. The favourite had been Fernando Cabrita, the Portuguese coach of new league champions Raja.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

ACTION: Finland hold on in Helsinki for a goalless draw against a Soviet national side preparing to open their World Cup quest in Iceland . . . in a lucratively-televised friendly, European Cup-holders PSV Eindhoven lose 2-0 at home to Milan.

ARGENTINA: The AFA decides to introduce three points for a win plus penalty shoot-outs at the end of drawn matches.

ITALY: Soviet Union and Kiev boss Valeri Lobanovsky is admitted to hospital in Aosta suffering from a recurrence of heart trouble.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

SPAIN: The FEF, under new president Angel Villar, name Luis Suarez as new national team manager in succession to Miguel Munoz.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

HOLLAND: Feyenoord striker Dave Mitchell dampens Chelsea transfer interest when he insists that he must be freed to play for his native Australian in the Olympic Games finals in Seoul.

ITALY: Juventus spring one of the summer's transfer surprises, selling Ian Rush back to Liverpool for £2.8 million.

PORTUGAL: Sporting Lisbon beat the touring Paraguay XI 1-0.

SPAIN: Gary Lineker, recovering from hepatitis, is given the go-ahead to resume light training with Barcelona . . . the Spanish coaches' federation objects to Johan Cruyff (Barcelona) and Raddy Antic (Zaragoza) sitting on the trainers' benches for their clubs because they do possess the requisite certificates of experience.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Guinea beat Tunisia but that's not enough to overturn the aggregate and Tunisia win 5-3 overall. Liberia beat Ghana 2-0 to win their tie 2-0 on aggregate . . . Real Madrid easily beat Everton 2-0 in a match to officially open Santander's Nuevo Sardinero stadium. Bernd Schuster dominates in midfield, Butragueno and Hugo Sanchez score the first-half goals.

DENMARK: Lyngby sign Klaus Berggren from Roma . . . Vejle bring home veteran striker Preben Elkjaer from Verona.

ENGLAND: Liverpool beat Wimbledon 2-1 to win the Charity Shield.

FRANCE: Eric Cantona responds to his exclusion from the national team squad to face Czechoslovakia with a rude and angry attack on manager Henri Michel. Cantona had been named in the under-21 squad instead . . . Paris Saint-Germain win 1-0 at Toulon — their sixth win in seven games — to go top but new Yugoslav coach Tomislav Ivic still insists: "We are much higher than we deserve to be."

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

ACTION: Sporting Cristal of Peru win the last of the Marlboro Cup series when they beat Barcelona of Ecuador 4-0 in East Rutherford, New Jersey. In the third-place match, Benfica beat Nacional of Colombia 3-2.

FRANCE: Eric Cantona is dropped from the under-21 squad and given notice that he will face a disciplinary hearing for his attack on Henri Michel.

HOLLAND: On the opening day of the season new-look Feyenoord draw 2-2 with champions PSV Eindhoven. Dave Mitchell puts Feyenoord 2-0 up by half-time then PSV fight back with goals from Gillhaus and Vanenburg (in the 89th). Ajax lose their opening game under Kurt Linder, 2-1 to Fortuna Sittard.

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ITALY: The Italian cup-tie between Vicenza and Verona is abandoned, with Verona 1-0 ahead, when hooligans invade the pitch three minutes before the final whistle.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Linfield are now given clearance to play their UEFA Cup second leg against TPs of Finland at Wrexham instead of Lokeren.

PORTUGAL: With Porto and Benfica away on friendly match duty, Sporting grab the limelight on the opening day of the new season, beating Leixoes 2-0 with goals from Silas and Carlos Xavier. Belenenses provide John Mortimore with a winning start, beating Espinho 2-0.

WEST GERMANY: Stuttgart beat promoted neighbours Stuttgart Kickers 4-0 to assert their local superiority and maintain their 100 per cent record.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

FRANCE: Eric Cantona apologises to national manager Henri Michel for an attack which he admits was "rather rude and of which I am now ashamed."

HUNGARY: The confusion over Istvan Vincze's national service is sorted out — the military agree to release him in time to start the Italian season in October with Lecce.

SPAIN: Gijon sign Kevin Moran, the Irish Republic centre-back, on a free transfer from Manchester United.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

ARGENTINA: Daniel Passarella agrees to come out of retirement to help his old club, River Plate and coach Cesar Menotti. River have a gap in defence following the sale of Oscar Ruggeri to Logrones of Spain.

FRANCE: Eric Cantona is suspended indefinitely from the national team for his attack on Henri Michel . . . the French trainers' federation (UNECATEF) asks the federation and league to ban coaches who do not possess the nationally-approved coaching licence — which means, in the main, foreigners such as Tomislav Ivic (Paris SG), Miroslav Blazevic (Nantes), Nenad Bjekovic (Nice), Artur Jorge (Racing) and Georges Heylans (Lille) . . . Michel names three uncapped midfielders — Sauzee, Paillard and Pardo — in the squad for the season's international curtain-raiser against Czechoslovakia . . . Luis Fernandez needs a knee operation and will be out for the rest of the year.

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WORLD SOCCER'S GLOBAL NEWS SERVICE

REAL MADRID HELD IN FIRST MATCH

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ITALY: Juventus successfully conclude their deal with the Soviet political and sporting authorities and announce that Kiev's Alexander Zavarov will be arriving in Turin in time for the start of the Italian championship in October. The three-year deal is worth more than £3 million, most of which will be split between the Soviet federation, the Soviet Olympic committee, and Kiev . . . Ascoli's Brazilian World Cup forward, Walter Casagrande, is ordered into hospital for a knee operation.

SPAIN: John Toshack says he has no thoughts of quitting Real Sociedad even though the San Sebastian club have just sold three stars (Baquero, Beguiristain and Lopez Recarte) to Barcelona.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

ACTION: France and Czechoslovakia draw 1-1 in Paris . . . Switzerland lose 2-0 at home to Yugoslavia . . . Poland beat Bulgaria 3-2 . . . in the Cup-winners' Cup preliminary return, Bryne beat Bekescsaba 2-1 but are eliminated 4-2 on aggregate . . . in the South American cup, Colo Colo defeat Tachira of Venezuela 2-0 to guarantee their second-round place, Cerro Porteno beat Bolivar in group four and Universitario qualify for the second round by forcing a goalless draw away to Sport Recife of Brazil in group five . . . in the second leg of the Balkan Cup Final, Slavia Sofia beat Arges Pitesti of Rumania 1-0 and thus win 6-1 on aggregate . . . in the final of the Joan Gamper tournament, hosts Barcelona beat Steaua Bucharest 3-1 and in the third-place match Penarol beat PSV 3-1 on penalties after a 3-3 draw.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA announce that South Yemen have pulled out of the World Cup qualifiers.

WEST GERMANY: National boss Franz Beckenbauer names five uncapped players (Fach, Hsssler, Hermann, Riedle and Sauer) in the squad to open the Germans' World Cup qualifying campaign away to Finland in Helsinki.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

BRAZIL: The CBF, faced with a walkout by European-bound stars Andrade, Valdo and skipper Ricardo, says they can join their new clubs after all before the Olympics — as long as they report back in time for the trip to Seoul.

HOLLAND: The mayor of Zwolle bans the scheduled weekend league match between Pec and Ajax "because we do not want potential trouble-makers among the Ajax fans hanging around in our town all day." The match is put back to the evening of Wednesday, September 21.

SWEDEN: An upset for Swedish Olympic chief Carl-Gustaf Anderberg as stars Johnny Ekstrom (Bayern Munich), Bjorn Nilsson (Youngs Boys Bern) and Stefan Pettersson (Ajax) all announce they will not join the Olympic squad in Seoul because of their club obligations. Jan Hellstrom will probably miss Seoul because of suspension while Anders Limpar says he has "not yet decided."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

ACTION: In the South American Cup, Universidad Catolica finish top of group one thanks to a 3-1 victory over Tachira, Bolivar qualify from group four despite losing their last game 4-2 to Olimpia of Paraguay, and Guarani and Universitario (both already qualified) draw 1-1 in group five.

ENGLAND: Argentine World Cup-winner Osvaldo Ardiles, leaves Tottenham, who brought him to England in 1978, to join Queens Park Rangers.

WEST GERMANY: Stuttgart's 100 per cent record is destroyed in a 2-1 defeat by promoted St Pauli, even though Stuttgart take an early lead through Fritz Walter.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

FRANCE: Paris Saint-Germain are held 2-2 at home by Auxerre but remain one point clear of Bordeaux at the top of the table. Bordeaux beat Strasbourg 2-0 with both goals coming from England's Clive Allen. He also misses a 55th-minute penalty.

ITALY: Diego Maradona is told he faces league disciplinary action for accusing a referee of bias. After Wednesday's cup-tie in which Napoli lost 2-0 to second division Bari, Maradona said: "Bari had an outstanding extra player — the referee."

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich thrash Kaiserslautern 5-1 to go top of the table. Goal-scorers are Augenthaler, Wohlfarth, Ekstrom, Thon and Nachtweih.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

AUSTRIA: Promoted, unstoppable Saint-Polten win 4-2 away to Wiener Sportclub to stay top of the table. Champions Rapid lose again , this time 3-1 away to Grazer AK.

HOLLAND: PSV Eindhoven record their first victory of the new league season, a 2-0 home success over Volendam.

PORTUGAL: After two games Belenenses are the only team with a 100 per cent record. Their 1-0 victory away to Vitoria Guimaraes puts them top of the table.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

FRANCE: At a private meeting at FFF headquarters, Eric Cantona formally apologises to Henri Michel for his critical newspaper interview. Michel is now expected to ask for Cantona's national team ban to be lifted shortly . . . Brian Stein of Caen is ruled out for three months because of a knee injury.

SPAIN: The Spanish federation question the Dutch federation on whether Johan Cruyff is entitled to coach Barcelona. Regulations state that a coach must have worked abroad for at least three years — which Cruyff, to all intents and purposes — did not do at Ajax Amsterdam before moving to Barcelona.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA's executive committee will consider, at its next meeting on December 1, whether the ban on Iran and Iraq hosting international matches should be lifted as a result of the Gulf war ceasefire.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

GREECE: Lajos Detari, Olympiakos' £4.7 million capture from Eintracht Frankfurt, is to undergo in Sweden an operation to remove floating waste material from his left knee.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA warn that all players must wear shin-pads at the Olympic soccer finals in Seoul, in response to fears about the spread of AIDS. Players not obeying this instruction will risk fines and maybe even suspension.

UNITED STATES: Another tournament in Los Angeles, this time the Camel Nations' Cup, an event for the Olympic squads of Brazil and Argentina, the national team of El Salvador, and Mexico's, America. Brazil beat Argentina 4-1 on penalties after a 1-1 draw while America outclass El Salvador 3-0.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

ACTION: In the World Cup, Iceland hold the Soviet Union 1-1 and West Germany win 4-0 away to Finland . . . in friendly matches, East Germany beat Greece 1-0, Austria and Hungary draw 0-0 in Linz and Denmark spring the surprise of the night by defeating Sweden 2-1 in Stockholm.

ITALY: Alessandro Altobelli puts Ian Rush in the past by hitting a hat-trick as Juventus win 4-2 away to Taranto in the cup.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

BELGIUM: Promoted Lierse sign World Cup keeper Jean-Marie Pfaff from Bayern Munich. Pfaff had been surplus to import requirements. Pfaff says: "My children wanted me to go back to Belgium and I don't want to hear them say, one day: He was only interested in himself."

GREECE: Olympiakos officials report that Lajos Detari has successfully undergone a knee operation in Sweden and should be fit to return to action in three weeks' time.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

BRAZIL: On the eve of the national championship the CBF shocks clubs and state officials by ordering that teams level at the end of normal time should decide the issue with a penalty shoot-out — the winners of which take two points, the losers of the shoot-out one point. Clear 90-minute winners get three points; 90-minute losers get nothing.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Corruption at Bohemians Prague. Three officials (the president, secretary and treasurer) and 20 former and current players are to stand trial on charges of corruption and embezzlement. The charges relate to two alleged slush funds, which processed over the years some £180,000 syphoned off from transfer fees received from players sold to West Germany.

FRANCE: Nasty shock for Monaco. The champions, lacking three players because of suspension including Glenn Hoddle as well as injured Mark Hateley, crash 3-0 to Racing in Paris.

PORTUGAL: Promoted Famalicao are relegated from the first to third division by order of the federation, for bribing the president of opponents Macedo de Cavaleiros £3,500 to lose a decisive match at the end of last season, on May 8. The match was controversial at the time — the referee abandoning play because of crowd trouble when Famalicao led 1-0. Later the match was awarded 3-0 to Famalicao 'a tavolino'. The federation order that Famalicao's two first division matches so far played, against Viseu and Nacional de Madeira, should be expunged from the records and replayed later against the promoted team taking Famalicao's place, Fafe. In the town of Famalicao, angry fans take to the streets, pulling up railway tracks, setting fire to two railway carriages and blocking a main road with tree trunks and rubble. Around 50 police are called to deal with the trouble and three people, including one policeman, are slightly injured.

UNITED STATES: Brazil's Olympic team win the Nations' Cup tournament in Los Angeles, beating America of Mexico 3-0 in the final thanks to a hat-trick from Romario. In the third place match, the Argentine Olympic team draw 0-0 with the El Salvador Olympic team.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

AUSTRIA: Champions Rapid are humiliatingly beaten 3-0 at home by old rivals FK Austria — who are now joint top with St Polten.

FRANCE: Auxerre go top thanks to a 3-0 win over Toulon.

PORTUGAL: John Mortimore's Belenenses are guaranteed staying top thanks to a 4-0 victory over Portimonense, with two goals from Bulgarian veteran Stoicho Mladenov. Champions Porto struggle to a 2-1 win over Espinho.

SOVIET UNION: Rinat Dasayev, commenting on a £650,000, four-year offer from Sevilla of Spain, says £3.5 million would be a more realistic bid. Dasayev's concern is the comparatively meagre percentage which is paid back to the player by the Soviet federation by way of salary, Dasayev says: "Irrespective of how much money a player brings to the state, everyone playing abroad is on the same money. You can hardly call that fair. I know they're talking about changing the rules, but they could go on talking for a long time."

SPAIN: Johan Cruyff makes a winning start as Barcelona begin the new league campaign with a 2-0 home win over derby rivals Espanol. Aitor Begiuiristain scores the first on his Nou Camp league debut; Roberto converts a penalty for No 2. But the summer's other big-spenders, Atletico Madrid, lose 1-0 to Logrones who owe victory to Mexican newcomer Francisco 'Abuelo' Cruz.

WEST GERMANY: Bayer Uerdingen beat Karlsruhe 1-0 to go top since Bayern Munich are held 1-1 away to Bayer Leverkusen. In the Hamburg derby, St Pauli beat Hamburger SV 2-1 thanks to late winner from Kocian. Hamburg had taken the lead through a 68th-minute effort from Manni Kaltz.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

ACTION: In the UEFA Cup, Sliema Wanderers lose 2-0 at home in Malta to Victoria Bucharest.

BELGIUM: Mechelen win 3-1 at Charleroi to go top, overtaking Anderlecht as the Brussels outfit lose 2-0 to Kortrijk.

BRAZIL: Chaos greets the first round of the new Brazilian championship over the new shoot-out order. Botafogo and Fluminense draw 1-1 but both teams walk off the field refusing to take the penalties. Players and officials of Vasco and Flamengo meet before their game and decide to ignore the shoot-out order if they are level at 90 minutes: in fact, Vasco win 1-0.

HOLLAND: PSV hit form at last, thrashing Den Bosch 5-2, with two goals from new man Hendrie Kruzen. Ajax lose 2-1 to Twente Enschede despite going ahead after 21 minutes through Wim Jonk. Much-travelled Finn Mika Lipponen scores Twente's winner.

HUNGARY: Ferencvaros maintain their four-round 100 per cent record as they beat Ujpest 3-0 to stay three points clear of Videoton.

SPAIN: Champions Real Madrid are surprisingly held 2-2 at home by Osasuna as they open their new league season. Osasuna even dare take an 18th-minute lead through Michael Robinson. Martin Vazquez and Bernd Schuster — on his league debut for Madrid — make it 2-1 but Osasuna hit back through Angel Merino.

SWITZERLAND: Lars Lunde, the Danish striker injured in a car crash in April, makes his comeback in a reserve match for Aarau.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

BELGIUM: Israeli international Eli Ohana asks Mechelen for a transfer after losing his place to John Bosman. Italian clubs Atalanta and Fiorentina have already made inquiries.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

ACTION: Dynamo Berlin's 3-0 victory over West German neighbours Werder Bremen in the Champions' Cup is the highlight of the day's eight European ties. In Iceland Valur beat Monaco 1-0.

ITALY: Rome magistrates order the suspension of World Cup redevelopment work on the Stadio Olimpico because the plans do not meet safety requirements. The move is part of a political fight against government plans to to spend £3billion on facilities.

PORTUGAL: A spontaneous general strike erupts in Famalicao among firemen, shopkeepers, town hall officials and factory workers in protests at the local team's forced relegation from first to third division for match-fixing.

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THE MONTH AHEAD: October
*** signifies World Cup-tie;**
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1.10.88	Olympic Games Final (Seoul)
5.10.88	European club cups, first rnd, second legs
9.10.88	Guatemala v Canada*
12.10.88	Turkey v Iceland*
12.10.88	Spain v Argentina/friendly (FEF anniversary)
12.10.88	U21 1988 Final, second leg: France v Greece
12.10.88	European club cups, Olympic-delayed ties
15.10.88	Canada v Guatemala*
15.10.88	Belgium v Brazil/friendly
18.10.88	U:Scotland v Yugoslavia
18.10.88	U:West Germany v Holland
18.10.88	U:Soviet Union v Austria
18.10.88	U:Greece v Denmark
18.10.88	U:Bulgaria v Rumania
18.10.88	U:England v Sweden
18.10.88	U:Poland v Albania
19.10.88	England v Sweden*
19.10.88	Poland v Albania*
19.10.88	Greece v Denmark*
19.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania*
19.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria*
19.10.88	East Germany v Iceland*
19.10.88	Wales v Finland*
19.10.88	West Germany v Holland*
19.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia*
19.10.88	Hungary v Northern Ireland*
19.10.88	Belgium v Switzerland*
19.10.88	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia*
19.10.88	Italy v Norway/friendly (Pescara)
19.10.88	Rep. Ireland v Tunisia/friendly (Dublin)
22.10.88	Cyprus v France*
26.10.88	European club cups, second rnd, first legs
30.10.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Honduras*

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CHAMPIONS CUP

First round — first legs
(Sept 7 unless stated)

ACTION NOTES: BRUGGE hit the bar (Peter Creve) and the post (Marc Degryse) and Kenneth Brylle had a shot cleared off the line in the first 32 minutes against **BRONDBY** of Denmark — before newcomer Alain Bettagno scored the winner in the 88th minute . . . at **DUNDALK**, all five goals run up by visitors **RED STAR BELGRADE** came in a second-half explosion . . . **DYNAMO BERLIN** set up a first-ever Champions' Cup victory for East Germany over West when they surprisingly beat Werder Bremen 3-0 just the other side of the Berlin Wall. Luckless Bremen hit both post and bar in the 56th minute — when they were still only 1-0 down . . . **FC PORTO** were given a second-minute lead against **HJK HELSINKI** by Rabah Madjer, the Algerian World Cup star whose summer transfer to Inter Milan was scrapped because of Italian fears about his fitness . . . **REAL MADRID** strolled easily past **MOSS** despite the suspension absences of Sanchis, Michel and Hugo Sanchez. Madrid's first goal was scored by Sebastian Losada — recalled this season from loan to Espanol, with whom he was a UEFA Cup finalist last term . . . bad luck for the Bulgarians of **VITOSHA** - when Milan substituted opening goal-scorer Virdis midway into the second half they brought on Ruud Gullit to score goal No 2!

Brugge 1 (Van Wilk 88)
Brondby 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Hurtak (Hun)

Brugge: Vande Walle — Kimoni, Van Wijk, Plovie, Querter — Creve, Van der Elst, Brylle, Ceulemans — Nbuyu (Bettagno 87), Degryse.

Brondby: Schmeichel — B.Jensen, K.Nielsen, L.Olsen, Madsen — Steffensen, H.Jensen, Vilfort, Bartram — Frank (J.Madsen 22), Christensen.

Dundalk 0
Red Star Belgrade 5 (Mrkela 51, Musemic 61, Stojkovic 65pen, Stosic 86, Djurovski 88)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,206. **Ref:** McCluskey (Sc)

Dundalk: O'Neill — Mackey (Shelly 70), Lawlor (Gannon 77), Murray, Cleary, Malone, Wyse, Kehoe, Eviston, Gorman, Lawless.

Red Star: Davidovic — Juric, Vasiliejevic, Sabanadzovic (Desic 58), Najdoski, Radovanovic, Prosinecki, Djurovski, Musemic, Stojkovic, Mrkela (Stosic 68).

Dynamo East Berlin 3 (Doll 16, Thom 62, Pastor 77)
Werder Bremen 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Van Langenhove (Bel)

Dynamo: Rudwaleit — Rohde, Herzog, Reich, Ktller, Michael Schulz (Anders 87), Ernst, Kuttner, Doll, Pastor (Bernd Schulz 89), Thom.

Bremen: Reck — Kutzop, Otten, Bratseth, Sauer, Borowka (Hermann 46), Wolter, Votava, Riedle, Skogheim (Burgsmuller 57), Meier.

Gornik 3 (R.Warzycha 34, Urban 44. 73)
Jeunesse d'Esch 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Vadimzhuk (SU).

Gornik: Wandzik — Grembocki, Dankowski, Piotrowicz, Jegor — R.Warzycha, Komornicki, Rzepoka (Kaminski 72), Urban — Orzeszek (Zagorski 41), Cyron.

Jeunesse: Van Rijswijck — Muller, Petri, Biasi, Welscher — Scuto, Theis, Ferrassini, Scholten — Schmitz (Ontano 85), Barboni.

Hamrun Spartans 2 (Leo Refalo 46, 89)
Nentori 1 (Steja 5)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,500. **Ref:** Komatinic (Yug)

Hamrun: Leigh — G.Refalo, Azzopardi, Grech, Gallagher — Vella, Leo Refalo, Brincat, Sultana — Degiorgio, Fenech.

Nentori: Mersini — Steja, Josa, Kepi, Alimeti — Hodja, Lekbello, Liti, Daja — Minga, Diza.

Honved 1 (Fodor 8)
Celtic 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Van Swieten (Hol)

Honved: P.Disztl — Sallai, Cseh, L.Disztl, Varga, Kovacs, Szijarto (Csehi 75), Csuhay, Sass, Fodor (Zircher 79), Gregor.

Celtic: Andrews — Morris, Rogan, Aitken, McCarthy, Whyte, Grant, McStay, McAvennie, Walker, Burns.

Larissa 2 (Agorogiannis 5, Mitsibonas 89)
Neuchatel Xamax 1 (Hermann 59)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Assenmacher (WG)

Larissa: Michail — Mitsibonas — Kirilithis, Galitsios, Kolomitrusis — Tsiliakos (Athanasiu 62), Karapialis, Vutiritsas — Agorogiannis (Alexulis 35), Ziogas, Valaoras.

Xamax: Corminboeuf — Decastel — Mottiez, Widmer (Ludi 77), Fasel — Hermann, Leo-Ravello, Smajic (Perret 81) — Sutter, Luthi, Zwicker.

Moscow Spartak 2 (Ivanov 53, Shalimov 54)
Glentoran 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000.

Spartak: Dasayev — Surov, Povalayev, Shalimov (Sparov 80), Bubnov — Mostovoi, Y.Kuznetsov, Pasulko (Ivanov 46), Kuliev — Cherenkov, Rodionov.

Glentoran: Paterson — Neill, Devine, Moore, Kennedy — Morrison, Caskey (Bowers 74), Cleary, Patton — Manley (Jameson 82), McCartney.

Pezoporikos 1 (Livanthinos 20 pen)
IFK Gothenburg 2 (Ericsson 18, Ravelli 55)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Alexandrov (Bul)

Pezoporikos: Kovis — Sharalkambous, M.Constantinou, Haimd, Papadopulos — Lenos, Larku (Paskalis 67), Damianu, Bialon — Procopis (Trotromou 77), Livanthinos.

IFK: Thorstvedt — R.Nilsson, Ravelli, Svensson, M.Nilsson — Zetterlund, Ingesson, Micke Andersson, Eriksson (Millqvist 79)- Froberg, L.Nilsson (Tommy Holmgren 59).

FC Porto 3 (Madjer 2, Sousa 22, Rui Aguas 75)
HJK Helsinki 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Philippi (Lux)

FC Porto: Mlynarczyk — Joao Pinto, Nkongolo, Dito, Inacio (Bandeirinha 60) — Rui Manuel, Andre, Jaime Pacheco, Sousa — Madjer, Gomes (Rui Aguas 60).

HJK: Palmroos — Holmgren — Schutschoff, Rissanen, Kanerva, Martonen — Yvorela (Puustinon 69), Yalla, Rantanen (Vairionen 85) — Yla-Jussila — Tarkkio.

Rapid Vienna 2 (Kranjcar 33, Kienast 51)
Galatasaray 1 SB.Savas 81)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,500. **Ref:** Soriano Aladren (Sp)

Rapid: Konsel — Schottel, Pecl, Weber, Brauneder — Kienast, Herzog, Willfurth — Munjakovic, Kranjcar, Stojodinovic (Perstling 60).

Galatasaray: Simovic — Ismail, Cuneyt, Bulent, Semih — Ugur, Prekazi, B.Savas, Metin — Ilyas (Mirsat 70), K.Savas (Arif 46).

Real Madrid 3 (Losada 19, Tendillo 27, Butraguewo 30)
Moss 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 65,000. **Ref:** Scerri (Mal)

Madrid: Buyo — Chendo, Tendillo, Solana, Esteban — Martin Vazquez, Schuster, Gallego, Gordillo (Aldana 87) — Butraguewo, Losada (Paco Llorente 70).

Moss: Isoaho — Melbye, Tangen (Henaes 27), Gislasson, Haugeneset — Henriksen, Haugen, Johansen, Bachke (Holm 73) — Karlsrud, Fjaerestad.

Sparta Praha 1 (Kukleta 20)
Steaua Bucharest 5 (Lacatus 29, 44, Hagi 78, 88, Stoica 86)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 22,296. **Ref:** Da Silva Valente (Por)

Sparta: Stejskal — Bielik, Orgonik, Nemecek, Vrabec — P.Novak, Bilek, Chovanec, Lavicka — Skuhravy, Kukleta (Siegl 46).

Steaua: Lung — Petrescu, Iovan, Belodedici, Ungureanu — Stoica, Hagi, Rotariu, Dumitrescu (Balint 74) — Lacatus, Pena (Mastacan 84).

Valur 1 (Edvaldsson 55)
Monaco 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Haas (Nor). Played Sept 6.

Valur: G.Baldursson — Thrainsson, Petursson, Bergsson, Jonsson — Sighvatsson, O.Baldursson, Gudmunsson, Valsson — Kristiansson, Edvaldsson.

Monaco: Ettori — Puel (Valery 61), Vogel (Sonor 68), Battiston, Amoros — Poullain, Ferratge, Dib, Hoddle — Toure, Fofana.

Vitosha 0
Milan 2 (Virdis 18, Gullit 75)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Germanakos (Gr)

Vitosha: Mikhailov — Koev, Murlev, Gospodinov, Iliev, Velev, Dragolov, Donkov (Crumov 60), Kurdov (Petrov 41), Yordanov, Iskrenov.

Milan: G.Galli — Tassotti, Maldini, Colombo, F.Galli, Costacurta, Donadoni (Mussi 88), Rijkaard, Van Basten, Evani, Virdis (Gullit 69).

PSV Eindhoven (holders) — Bye.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

Preliminary rnd, first leg — Aug 10

Bekescsaba 3 (Gruborovics 4, 10, Csato 37)
Bryne 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Wiesel (WG)

Bekescsaba: Gulyas — Szenti, Ottlakan, Csato, Fabulya — Mracsko, Gruborovics, Csanalosi, Horvath (Kanal 60) — Kvaszta (Csernus 46), Szekeres.

Bryne: Boe — Hansen, Karlsen, Salte, Giljarhus (Fylling 70) — Undheim (Pedersen 46), Fjeldstad, Hellvik, Norheim — Meinseth, Lodden.

Preliminary rnd, second leg — Aug 24

Bryne 2 (Hellvik 44pen, Meinseth 79pen)
Bekescsaba 1 (Kvaszta 35)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 630. **Ref:** Hope (Scot)
Bekescsaba 4-2 on agg

Bryne: Boe — Fjeldstad, Karlsen, Salte, Giljarhus (Lodden 72) — Hansen, Fosse, Madsen (Meinseth 72), Hellvik — Norheim, Folkvord.

Bekescsaba: Gulyas — Szenti, Kanal (Arky 58), Fabulya, Gruborovics, Ottlakan, Mracsko (Csernus 75), Csato, Kvaszta, Csanalosi, Szekeres.

First round, first legs
— Sept 7 unless stated

ACTION NOTES: Wins recorded by former winners **BARCELONA** and **ANDERLECHT** . . . and a trouble-free visit for **CARDIFF** away to **DERRY**.

Borac Banjaluka 2 (Lemic 43, Lipovac 89)
Metallist Kharkov 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Fernandes Correia (Por)

Borac: Jakovljevic — Malbasic, Mataja, Bilbija, Lipovac, Spica, Lemic (Kalezic), Matejic, Besirevic, Buvac (Knezevic), Lupic.

Kharkov: Kutiyepov — Delkach, Kolokolov, Romanchguk, Panchishin, Derevinski (Ivanov), Baranov (Yosipov), Tarasov, Adzhiev, Reruchenko, Yakubovski.

Carl Zeiss Jena 5 (Weber 19, Strssser 48, 67, Merkel 53, Ludwig 78)
FC Krems 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 9,000.

Derry 0
Cardiff 0
Att: 11,000. **Ref:** Blankenstein (Hol)

Derry: Dalton — Vaudequin, Brady, Curran, Neville, Doolin, Hegarty (Carlyle 46), Larkin, Speak, Gauld, Healy (Keay 84).

Cardiff: Wood — Bater, Platnauer, Wimbleton (McDermott 88), Stevenson, Boyle, Curtis, Walsh (Bartlett 75), Gilligan, Gummar, Kelly.

Dinamo Bucharest 3 (Jantti og 12, Andone 72, Vaiscovici 75)
Kuusysi Lahti 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Hadjistefanu (Cyp)

Dinamo: Stelea — Varga (Mihaescu 46), rednic, Andone, Sabou — Mateut, Lupescu, Sabau, Lupu — Vaiscovici, Camataru (Raducioiu 71).

Kuusysi: Korhonen — Vehkakoski, Viljanen, Jantti, Remes — Kousa, Bpostrom (Reinikainen 76), Annunen, Lehtinen — Rinne, Lius.

Flamurtari Vlore 2 (V.Ruci 40 and 76)
Lech Poznan 3 (Lukasik, 32, Araskiewicz 67, Glombiowski 89)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Kukulakis (Gr)

Flamurtari: Sevo — Memushi, Cipi, Iljadhi (Gjyli 75), Taho, Zijaj — Ziu, Gjondeda, Daullja (Haxhiu 79), Kushta, V.Ruci.

Lech: Jankowski — Rzepka, Jakolcewicz, Krieger, Lukasik, Kofnyt, Skrzypczak (Bereszynski 78), Kruszczynski, Araskiewicz, Juskowiak (Glombiowski 82), Pachelski.

Floriana 0
Dundee United 0
Att: 4,000.
Fram Reykjavik 0
Barcelona 2 (Roberto 33 and 62)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Kelly (RI)

Fram: Kristinsson — Torsteinsson, Anthorsson, Torkelsson, Torfasson — Ormslev, K.R.Jonsson, J.Jornsson, Steinsson (Svensson 64) — Davidsson, Oligirsson.

Barcelona: Zubizarreta — Julio Alberto, Alesanco (Serna 71), Urba-

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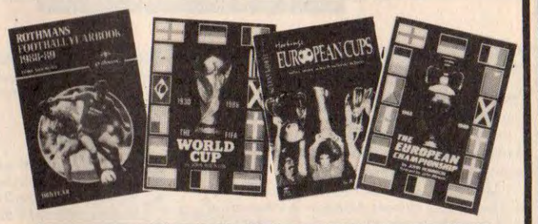

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The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

LEAD BUT

ON October 18, in an extraordinary general meeting, the league clubs will meet to decide whether to kick Philip Carter, the president, and the Arsenal director, David Dein, off the management committee.

I don't suppose, in the final event, that they will but it does at least represent a substantial turning of the worm. My own view is that both men should have already resigned, but then, whoever does?

The fact that the ineffable João Havelange should not only have remained president of UEFA for 14 years, but should have been proposed by a fawning Swiss for the Nobel Peace Prize speaks for itself.

Hermann Neuberger, a vice-president of FIFA, president of the 1990 World Cup committee, has sailed happily on, despite ferocious accusations launched by a West German magazine. All totally untrue, Neuberger has assured us, but one awaits the libel case in which, no doubt, they will be laid to rest.

At a time when good leadership has never been more crucially important, football is devoid of it, at almost every level. The hosts of Midian prowl and prowl around; and who can stop them? The crude, absurd identity card scheme, which hovers like a malign cloud over English football, should have been bitterly fought from the beginning, but the response of football's leaders has been pitifully flaccid.

Chaos

The scheme won't work, and will unquestionably create more problems than it solves. For those of us who have for so long been insisting that the scheme will create chaos at the turnstiles, what happened at Wembley on the occasion of the recent Charity Shield match was starkly indicative.

There were only 54,000 at the match, and a group of people arrived twenty minutes before the kick off, with the reasonable ambition of paying at the turnstiles. It took them a whole hour to get in!

Of course there is no excuse for such ineptitude, but I am using the episode not to belabour Wembley over the head — though they deeply deserve it — but to show the chaos which could ensue were identity cards required at major matches. Games at Arsenal and Chelsea last season were largely beset by appalling delays at inadequately provided turnstiles, when the crowds were large.

What would happen when, with an identity card to be produced, squabbles and delays occurred? The mind boggles.

But such considerations will doubtless make no difference to Mr Colin Moynihan, whose bizarre outbursts at the European Championship, notably in Stuttgart, have been made to look stranger than ever by UEFA's official report, which largely, if surprisingly, absolves the English fans from blame.

England's clubs should indeed be readmitted, as soon as possible, to European competition; but they must be carefully veted. Sad to see that Everton fans, so well behaved at the Cup Winners' Final of 1985 in Rotterdam, one week before Heysel, running viciously amok in Berne last August, after a game against Turin.

SIMON INGLIS has put a lot of work and a lot of whitewash into his bulky *League Football* (Collins Willow, £14.95) the *Official Centenary of the Football League* (just published; but then you wouldn't expect the Football League to get out on time, would you. Perhaps the publishers are secretly telling us something).

Hardly Mr Inglis's fault that his deeply deferential interview with Philip Carter should appear, with the book, at the very moment when Carter was wondering whether he would be kicked out of office, as the consequence of the motion of no confidence brought against him and Arsenal's David Dein, because of their allegedly "private" negotiations with ITV. But there are other things in the book which trouble me.

The pictures it gives of Joe Richards and Alan Hardaker, for example. I may not be the only one who finds them unrecognisable and absurdly flattering. Richards may have put many years of his life into running the league but by the early 1960s, when it came to the crux over maximum wage, he was out of his depth, with Hardaker — whatever Mr Inglis may say about his non-dictatorial ways — clearly calling the shots and the tune.

As one who worked closely with Jimmy Hill during that period, I remember the utter frustration he suffered in his dealings with Richards and company.

Nor do I recognise the portrait of Hardaker. The two of us, I remember, got off monumentally on the wrong foot, when first we met in the 1960s at a meeting in London. Hardaker had called it at the Great Northern Hotel, Kings Cross, then the Gateway to the Metropolis for clubs from the North, who have long since abandoned it for brighter, more plastic things.

Warts

There had been a very successful "sweetening" rendezvous between the league and journalists from the North. This was meant to be its Southern equivalent. When it came to questions, I asked him why, if he was as keen as he said he was about improving relations with the press, he did not move the league's headquarters to London from Lytham St. Anne's.

"That's just the sort of question I'd expect from someone who writes about provincial grocers!" he snapped.

Over the years, our relations improved, and I came to like the man, warts and all, to appreciate his caustic evaluations of some of the game's chief figures. Of one leading manager, he said to me: "He'd kill his own grandmother, then he'd sell the body for bonfires."

Of that egregious old schemer professor Sir Harold Thompson, a mere innocent when it came to dealing with the fat, smooth, crafty cats of UEFA, he remarked: "They could take off his braces, put them on again, and he still wouldn't notice." That just about summed it up.

You could also say that Hardaker was xenophobe. Once, with a grin, he confided to me that he didn't much like getting involved with football on the Continent: "Too many wogs and dagoes."

Something of this may have lain behind the outrageously insular behaviour of the Football League and himself when, in the 50s, the European Cup was initiated. Simon Inglis glosses over these episodes in a most shallow and evasive way.

Bald

The initiation of the European Cup in 1955, was one of the most important events in post-war football. But this, and only this, is what Mr Inglis has to say about it:

> Then, in July, 1955, the Committee was informed through one of its members, Joe Mears, that First Division champions Chelsea, of which he was chairman, had accepted an invitation to play in the first European Cup competition. Mears was asked to reconsider, 'in the best interests of the League competition', and he did. Chelsea withdrew (Gwardia Warsaw took their place), leaving Hibernian as the sole British representative.

As brief and as bald as that. You would never guess that a major decision had been taken, one which might, were it not for the subsequent courage of Manchester United, who metaphorically stuck two fingers up at the league the following year, have kept English clubs out of the European Cup indefinitely.

You would never guess that the flaccid, obedient Mears was strongly criticised for what many of us perceived at the time as arrant cowardice. But there is more to come; and it is no more impressive.

> The potential of Europe could no longer be denied. Despite the Committee's best efforts to dissuade them, Manchester United, at Sir Stanley Rous' invitation, became the first league club to enter the European Cup, another chapter in league football had begun.

Had it? Surely it was a chapter in the opening up of football, the gradual abandonment by England of its attitude of splendid isolation, which began with the decision to enter the 1950 World Cup. I do not know what Mr Inglis' brief was, but here he seems to be writing an apologia rather than a history.

This is still more apparent when it comes to that very mean, nasty little episode of 1958, which coloured mine, and surely many others', view of Hardaker and the Football League for many years.

In February, returning from a European Cup match in Belgrade, Manchester United's Elizabethan aircraft crashed on the runway at Munich, killing players and journalists, concerning several other players, Berry and Jackie Blanchflower among them, to give up the game.

The following season, in a most generous gesture, UEFA invited United to participate, *ex gratia*. With astonishing vindictiveness the league, undoubtedly motivated by Hardaker

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— who was certainly calling the tune then, whatever this book may say — objected. They hid behind the rule — which wasn't even their own — that the competition was open to the winners of the various European Leagues.

United hadn't won, ergo they could not take part. This was a monstrous piece of casuistry, and United very properly appealed, to the Football Association, who gave them right.

But Hardaker and the league were not finished. They insisted on a joint FA-League committee, in which Hardaker and co, as I remember, bullied the FA representatives into changing their minds.

It was said at the time that one of the FA delegates, Sir Leslie Bowker, was almost beside himself with rage at the wretched decision. Inglis's version of all this is a strange one, and I suppose I had better give it you entire.

'The Munich disaster put the Committee into a difficult situation. Because of the crash, United were invited to participate in the following season's European Cup. But the Committee opposed this on principle.'

Brief pause for those who wish to go out and be sick.

'Wolves had won the Championship in 1958, not United. However, United then won an appeal against the decision...

Still the Committee refused to sanction United's entry, and it threatened to make the issue the subject of a vote of confidence at an Extraordinary General Meeting. But then the FA also turned United down, and champions Wolves were thus the league's sole entry in 1958/9. It was a terrible decision to have to make, and it didn't win the committee any friends in Manchester or elsewhere in Europe, especially as there had been room for both Wolves and United in the competition.'

Then there's some garbage about the egregious old chipmunk Joe Richards "establishing closer ties with Europe" when he and Hardaker attended "a conference of European Leagues in October, 1958."

Perhaps Mr Inglis should stick to writing about football grounds. There, the whitewash can quite literally be applied, as it should be, to the walls.

IT MUST be confessed that the Wembley tournament last August went off at half-cock. I don't think that was Wembley's fault, and I still applaud them for standing up to the FA, threatening legal action were the tournament forbidden, and amply providing their point when, despite the participation of Spurs and Arsenal, there was no violence at all.

The fact that the England-Scotland game may now be scrapped and that London Transport have appealed against it ever being played again on a Saturday at Wembley re-emphasises the sad ineptitude of the FA when it comes to taking vital decisions.

The trouble is, I think, that thirty odd years of European competitions have spoiled our fans for anything which isn't the real thing. Unless they happen to be fans of lesser clubs who get to the Final of some ersatz tournament, at Wembley. But I still commend Wembley for their enterprise.

COLIN MOYNIHAN...bizarre outburst.

BRIAN GLANVILLE IN FRANCE

WITH a wry grin, Graham Rix walked down the bleak, bare, functional corridor outside the dressing-rooms in Caen and said it was a bit different. He'd been spoilt at Highbury, I told him, and he grinned, again.

"I had to learn English in London," he said, "and now I've got to start all over again." Learning French, he meant, though it might just as well have applied to the football.

This was just before Caen went down with a crash, 3-0, at home to Monaco, and as Rix admitted, it could by the end have been ten.

Caen, newly promoted, contrived to lose their first half a dozen games in a row, which left them with hardly the ghost of a chance of retaining the status hard won in the play offs after so many years.

Here today, for the first time, and almost inevitably gone tomorrow. The more so as the French, this season, are giving three points instead of two for a win.

Brian Stein is at Caen, too. He has a three-year contract, Rix's is for two years.

Truth

Though their manager, the veteran Robert Nouzaret, a new face at Caen himself, remarked to me before the game that Rix and Stein were both a month off being fully fit — having arrived late — the truth was that their performance against Monaco was vastly better than that of most of their allegedly fit colleagues. Especially an appalling defence.

The irony of it all is that scarcely had Caen, to their own substantial surprise, contrived to eliminate Lyon in the play offs than their team largely melted away like snow in summer.

A good half of it went, including the leading scorer, Prieur, who joined a Second Division side in Valenciennes. As the lively young Caen president, Jean Jacques Fiolet, remarked to me before the game against Monaco, what could a club do, given freedom of contract?

Off, too, to manage another second division club, in the shape of Le Havre, was the manager, Mankowski, who had brought Caen into the first division.

Rix and Stein were among eight new players who then arrived, and as Nouzaret said to me, resignedly, it was hardly surprising that his team made a bad start. Rix and Stein, he perused, had still to pick up "the automatisms."

But however "automatic" they became, it wouldn't do much good were the team to give away the kind of goals it did against Monaco in the first half, in a stadium which had been enlarged and improved with the help of funds provided by the local council (for years past most reluctant to open its purse strings).

The first goal came when Ferratge, the Monaco right winger, found himself alone in the Caen penalty area, and was seemingly so surprised that he put his shot within easy reach of the home goalkeeper, Bensousan.

Perhaps this surprised Bensousan in his turn, because he allowed the shot to bounce in off his knees. The second goal was still worse.

Domergue, the veteran French international defender who has joined Caen this season, went to clear a flick on by Mark Hateley, missed the ball completely, and allowed Glenn Hoddle to stroll on, sidestep the goalkeeper and score at ease and at will.

In the second half, Bensousan redeemed himself with at least five saves of high quality and courage. One of them came from Hateley, who was clean through; later, the big centre forward would hit the bar.

Hoddle, who enjoyed himself hugely operating just behind Hateley, once picked his way right through the centre of the porous Caen defence, might have had three more goals, but was content with one, when again he strolled thorough, near the end of the match.

By then Caen's defence was a pathetic, weary, demoralised shambles. Nouzaret felt he had got it together in the next game, again at home, when it lost by only 1-0 to Montpellier, Bruno Bellone potting the only goal from 30 yards and more.

Nouzaret excoriated Nijo'Lea, his new striker — suspended, in any case — praised his defence, expressed high hopes of the coming game against Paris Saint-Germain at the Parc de Princes; and crashed 3-0.

Only Bensousan's goalkeeping kept the score down. There was no such excuse as there had been against Montpellier; Stein hurt and obliged to limp off, after a mere 31 minutes.

Stein did some very good things indeed against Monaco, in particular a splendid shot on the turn which forced Ettori to a fine save, low down, and a brave header, just past the post, which caused him to get hurt.

Nyo' Lea and he seemed to be dovetailing pretty well, but Nouzaret has been furious with the Cameroonian's attitude, and now says he must fight for his place.

Tentative

Rix took plenty of responsibility, stayed in the centre of the midfield, played some excellent passes, and had the generous encouragement of his old friend Glenn Hoddle, who kept telling him during the match that if he went on like that, things were going to be fine.

Would that they were. Rix and Hoddle are godfathers to one another's children.

Rix, like Hoddle, finds: "It's a very different mentality as regards away games, that's the thing I've noticed most. Away from home, they're all rather tentative."

Hoddle has complained that even last season, when Monaco were on their way to winning the League, he and Hateley tried in vain to encourage their team mates to be more enterprising in away games.

Strange really when a team has such superb attacking-defenders as Battiston and Amoros. Battiston made some exciting forays in Caen, Amoros would score the only goal of the game against Paris Saint Germain, at home, the following Saturday.

HODDLE...led the way.

"Our players have got a good technique," says Rix," and they play in their own time, to a certain extent. But it's enjoyable. New stadium, new players, new ideas on football. A great set of lads; they've been very helpful."

He admits, though: "It's difficult for us, we don't speak French, we haven't got our friends with us."

And the club have stuck them in one of those anonymous, ultra-modern hotels on the edge of nowhere, miles from the charming centre of Caen with the massive battlements of its castle, its picturesque churches, its lurching, medieval buildings, the boats in its harbour.

Fiolet, the president, calls them: "Two players who will bring much to the club." He calls himself a battler; and will need to be.

Nouzaret says of Rix and Stein: "Their value is not in doubt. Rix is a lad with a lot of will. Above all, I like the British mentality."

How ironic that Caen's first victory should come, a week after crashing in Paris, with no Stein and a Rix out of form, at home to the unbeaten leaders, Toulon.

Ironic, too, that the winning goal should be scored by a 21 year old locally born striker, Fabrice Divert, of whom nothing had previously been heard.

Poor Caen came down to earth again three days later, when Auxerre, through two free kicks and an own goal, beat them 3-0; a score unkind to Caen.

But there's not much luck about when you are at the bottom.

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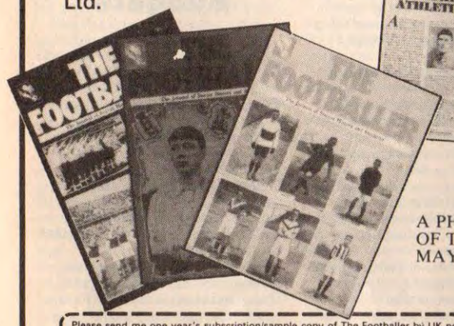

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FROM PAUL GARDNER IN NEW YORK

WORLD CUP, YES, BUT A PRO LEAGUE? MAYBE

A MERE three weeks after its success in landing World Cup–94, the United States Soccer Federation held its Annual General Meeting in Philadelphia. A special occasion, obviously, to celebrate the World Cup triumph, and because it marked the Federation's 75th anniversary.

Even more special: the FIFA big–guns appeared. President Joao Havelange cast his presumably benevolent glower over the proceedings, and brought along general–secretary Sepp Blatter and vice–president Guillermo Canedo.

Canedo represents the disgraced Mexico, banished to the soccer wilderness for two years, but he himself seems to have remained untouched by the scandal.

Not that he was called upon to say anything – Havelange did the speaking, in French, while Blatter translated into English.

Addressing the AGM, Havelange showered praise all over the USSF President Werner Fricker and his administration, then asked the assembled delegates to be sure and re–elect Fricker.

Blatant politicking – but it didn't really matter as Fricker was standing unopposed. Fricker and his crew were swept back into office on a voice vote.

At that point – the AGM had been in progress for 40 minutes – Havelange and his FIFA friends "had to leave", so off they went, leaving the USSF to get on with the usual boring nuts–and–bolts stuff of the AGM.

But everyone had been on their best behaviour while Havelange was there, and the mood continued. The AGM was over in a record two and a half hours.

It was an unreal performance, because nobody really believes that there is that much agreement among the many contentious factions of US soccer. The euphoria was brought on, of course, by World Cup–94.

And, no doubt, by the sudden realisation that the big–time is just around the corner, and that therefore this might be a good time to be nice to the USSF leadership.

There are more cynical – possibly more realistic – ways of describing that compliant attitude. One of its more extraordinary manifestations came with the unquestioning acceptance by the AGM of the USSF's elaborate plan for the future of professional soccer in the USA.

This is a plan that both FIFA and the USSF need to demonstrate that the World Cup will not simply be a money–making exercise, but that it will help to establish soccer firmly as a major sport in the USA.

The USSF had gone to considerable trouble to make sure that there was no unseemly opposition to the plan in front of Havelange. It had spoken beforehand to likely objection–raisers and secured their co–operation. All was plain–sailing, and the "development plan" was adopted unanimously.

The plan calls for the establishment – "as soon as practical" – of a pro set up of: First Division (one league); Second Division (four leagues), and Third Division (eight regional leagues). Each league to consist of at least six teams, with a maximum of 32 in the first division, and 12 in the other divisions.

Nobody is saying that all this is not a good idea. It clearly is – and for the first time in living memory we have a Federation planning for the future.

But one might have expected a querulous voice or two to ask just where all these pro teams are going to come from? This, is after all, a country which at the moment has not one fully professional team, never mind a league.

Surely, too, there ought to have been some questioning, some discussion, of the plan for promotion and relegation between the divisions. This is something that is unheard of in American pro sports.

The argument against it – and it is a convincing one – is that no American businessman will commit his money to a venture unless he is guaranteed, for at least a reasonable period, the best chance of making a profit.

In sports, that means playing against the top teams. The possibility that his team might quickly slide into the second or third division where his chances of doing well at the gate are substantially reduced, is likely to deter many an American investor.

When will it start? "We don't have a crystal ball" said the plan's chief author, Scott LeTelier. When will we get 32 teams in the first division? "Anyone's guess, certainly not tomorrow" replied the informative Mr LeTelier.

And that was the sort of vagueness that this quite extraordinarily docile AGM accepted.

What about the many – probably hundreds – of semi–pro teams that exist throughout the country – where will they fit in? Well, said LeTelier, the new concept may draw on existing teams, adding that there is only one pre– existing league.

Budgets

That league is the newly formed American Soccer League, which has just completed its first season. True, it does proclaim itself a pro league but it is very definitely nothing of the sort.

It is a regional (east–coast) semi–pro league, in which the budgets are deliberately kept low – ostensibly to avoid the profligate expenditure which is alleged to have killed the old North American Soccer League.

A modest league, then – with modest aims. Hardly the sort of thing envisaged in the USSF's ambitious report, one would have thought. And the ASL's achievements, in its first season, have been suitably modest.

First of all, it started with 10 teams, and it finished with ten teams. John Kerr, coach of the league's Washington Stars, commented: "That may not sound like much, but in this sport that's a major achievement."

And, according to the ASL's Commissioner Chuck Blazer, all 10 are going to operate next season as well. There may even be expansion to 11 or 12 teams – still within the east–coast area.

Crowds? Modest, definitely modest. An average of 2500 per game, at prices ranging from $6.00 to $9.00 for adults, less for kids.

Playing standards? Also modest – and somewhat confused. One of the stated aims of the ASL was to "emphasize American talent" and to serve as a training ground for future US national team members.

To this end, the league limited each team to three imported players. Which is not the same as limiting each team to three foreign players.

The difficulty involved in this attempt to limit the number of non– American players is that this country is home for a large number of foreign–born, foreign–trained players.

Some of them are now American citizens, most of them live here legally with a "green-card" which gives them the right to work.

Can the green–carders – who are often more experienced players than the young Americans – be kept off ASL teams? Almost certainly not – discrimination of that sort is frowned upon by the US courts.

Any limit to green–carders will have to come from the individual coach and his approach to the game. John Kerr, for instance, fielded a team made up almost entirely of young Americans.

They failed – narrowly – to make the play–offs. But the Fort Lauderdale Strikers and the Washington Diplomats – the two teams using the largest number of green–carders – both made the final (with the Diplomats emerging as the ASL champions).

Obviously, teams composed primarily of green–carders are not going to help the development of American players. But the ASL got itself into further tangle over this issue by offering to be super–helpful in releasing its players to the national team.

Pity the poor New Jersey Eagles, who had, in Peter Vermes and Tab Ramos, two of the better players – and who saw very little of them during the season.

The idea that these two could suddenly return from two or three week of national team duty and go straight back into the starting line–up for the Eagles was not well–received by the other Eagles.

Slump

As the end of the season approached the Eagles – who had been the early season pace–setters – slumped, and could have used Vermes and Ramos. But at the crucial play–off time, both were on duty with the USA in a World–Cup qualifying game.

Bad enough – but the Eagles had another problem, this one the result of the ASL's attempt to run a pro league with semi–pro people. Specifically, the Eagles' coach Ed Kelly.

He – like the other coaches in the league – worked part–time. When he got a good offer for a full–time coaching job at Boston University, he had to take it, had to move to Boston.

And suddenly, the Eagles had no–one to conduct their midweek training sessions. Inevitably, the team's form suffered, and they lost ingloriously in the semi–finals to the Diplomats.

Perhaps the most encouraging side of the ASL's season was the lack of any evidence –even among the less successful teams – of dour defensive play.

No doubt the league's regulation that prohibits ties (teams go straight to penalty kicks if the score is tied at 90 minutes) helped here, but the point is a vital one.

The sight of a team deliberately killing the action as it plays for a tie is a guaranteed turn–off for the American fan looking for excitement in a new sport.

With or without the rather nebulous help of the ASL, the United States national team continues on its precarious – but up till now remarkably successful – international path.

Its reward for qualifying for the Seoul Olympic Games was to be stuck into a fearsome group along with Argentina, USSR and hosts South Korea. Which is not as bad as it sounds.

The sheer strength of its opponents has taken a lot of the pressure off the USA, no-one will be crucified if the team fails to advance (well, always providing that lop–sided losses are avoided).

In the World Cup, the team beat Jamaica 5–1 to pass into the final qualifying round. But this must rank as one of the least convincing 5–1 wins in the history of soccer.

Leading 1–0 on an early goal, the USA suddenly lost its rhythm and its game, allowed Jamaica to tie the score at 1–1 and looked in deep trouble.

But the second–half insertion of Hugo Perez changed things around for the USA. His penalty kick made it 2–1 at which Jamaica inexplicably crumbled, to let in three more.

Hugo Perez – certainly the key player on the team, the one player who can do the unusual and the unexpected – is another example of the problems of trying to run soccer seriously in a country without a pro league.

On the eve of the Olympics, Perez got an offer from the Swiss club Lausanne. Off he went to Switzerland – and off the US went to Seoul without him, deprived of their best player.

PELE at Cosmos . . . a confusing legacy.

Vancouver win Western league

by COLIN JOSE

AS THE second Canadian Soccer League season draws to a close, the Vancouver 86ers have won the Western Division title for the first time, while the Hamilton Steelers have clinched the Eastern Division title for the second year in a row. The two teams now seem destined to meet in the league final.

Vancouver have been the dominant team in the CSL all season long and have lost but one of the 24 games they have played. In fact, the 86ers are unbeaten in their last 22 games.

Hamilton, on the other hand, got off to a poor start but have rebounded, at one time winning 12 games in a row before falling 4-2 to the 86ers in Vancouver before a CSL record crowd of 7,846.

Beaten in last year's Western final by the Calgary Kickers, the 86ers, under player coach Bobby Lenarduzzi, strengthened their team for this season by adding national team strikers John Catliff and Dale Mitchell.

The move has paid off as the 86ers have scored 70 goals with Catliff and young Domenic Mobilio becoming the league's leading goalscorers.

For many years now, Vancouver, where unlike the rest of Canada, soccer can be played all year round, has been in the forefront in developing Canadian players. This shows up in the current team where only one player Ivor Evans from Fiji, has not been developed in British Columbia.

South of the border in the United States, the Seattle Storm defeated the San Jose Earthquakes 5-0 in the final of the Western Soccer Alliance with midfielder Bobby Bruch scoring twice. The other Seattle goals came from John Hamel, Peter Hattrup and Chance Fry. A crowd of 5,600 watched the game.

Meanwhile, on the other coast, the American Soccer League was completing its first season since being reorganised with the Washington Diplomats and the Fort Lauderdale Strikers (two names familiar from the days of the NASL) scheduled to meet in the final.

Fort Lauderdale defeated Maryland in one semi-final while Washington beat New Jersey in the other. Tampa Bay led the league in attendances, averaging 5,513 per game followed by Fort Lauderdale with 4,245 per game.

HERE COME THE SWEDES

BRITISH and Irish involvement in the World Cup qualifiers steps up a gear this month with Sweden visiting Wembley, Wales and Scotland playing hosts respectively to Finland and Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland visiting Hungary.

Sweden arrive at Wembley with plenty to prove. It is a remarkable 20 years since they last came to England — losing 3-1 — and in that time they have seen Denmark grab most of the Scandinavian glory in international football.

Reminder

Not only that, but the Danes — supposed to be on the way out as an international force — spoiled the image of a Swedish revival when they won 2-1 in Stockholm at the end of August.

Yet that Danish victory may have done Swedish manager Olle Nordin a favour. The impression created by that Easter tournament success in West Berlin was that Sweden were back in the international first division. A reminder that there is plenty of work still to be done may not be a bad thing . . . except, perhaps, for England!

Sweden have a clutch of outstanding new youngsters. Players such as Sporting Lisbon's new signing Hans Eskilsson is one. But there are also more experienced youngsters such as Bayern Munich's Johnny Ekstrom — who had an August preview of appearing at Wembley, of course.

And then there is a wealth of full-blooded experience in much-travelled midfielder Robert Prytz plus Glenn Hysen and Peter Larsson, two of the best centre-backs in Europe.

The Swedes have been absent ago at Wrexham in the European championship qualifiers.

Scotland will find a new-look Yugoslavia ranged against them. Judging by the early signs this season, Slav boss Ivica Osim will be looking to the new generation stars such as Robert Prosinecki to prop up a team whose form depends erratically on the mood of exiles from all major finals tournaments since the 1978 World Cup. But their clubs have been far from idle on the international scene: Malmo reached the Champions' Cup final in 1979 (beaten 1-0 by Nottingham Forest in Munich) and IFK Gothenburg won the UEFA Cup against Hamburg in 1982, reached the Champions' Cup semi-finals in 1986 and regained the UEFA Cup, against Dundee United, a year later.

Finland will visit Wales knowing that rival boss Terry Yorath has already had his spies out in Helsinki when the Finns lost 4-0 at home to West Germany.

In players such as Jari Rantanen, Aki Lahtinen and Mixu Paatelainen, the Finns have men with experience of the British game — but that is unlikely to save them from a repeat of the 4-0 defeat handed out by the Welsh 18 months such as Zlatko Vujovic, Mehmed Bazdarevic and Farukh Hadzibegic.

Problems

But while the Yugoslavs have had problems, these are nothing compared with those of Hungary, who have 1986 World Cup boss Gyorgy Mezey back at the helm to receive Northern Ireland.

The Magyars will be hoping against unlikely hope that Olympiakos' £5.7 million star, Lajos Detari, has recovered from a knee operation in time to face Billy Bingham's men.

SWEDEN before their 2-1 defeat by Denmark in August. *Back row — left to right:* Hans Holmqvist, Robert Prytz, Glenn Stromberg, Peter Larsson, Glenn Hysen, Thomas Ravelli. *Front row:* Jonas Thern, Stefan Pettersson, Hans Eskilsson, Roland Nilsson, Dennis Schiller.

MALMO'S TITLE AGAIN

MALMO have won the Swedish first division for the fourth year in a row. But this record-equalling achievement — Norrkoping set the pace between 1945 and 1949 — is just the tip of an iceberg of confusion.

In 1982 the Swedes hoping to counter a collapse in attendances, decided that the answer was to add a play-off series with the winners of the two-leg final being declared champions and gaining admission to the Champions' Cup the following season.

So, while Malmo were first division league winners in 1985, in 1986 and 1987 they were overall champions only in 1986. In 1985 it was Orgryte and in 1987 IFK Gothenburg who pipped them at the play-off post.

Now the Swedes have changed the system and the status of the play-offs. They decided against scrapping them, as had been expected. Instead, Malmo will go into next year's Champions' Cup while the winners of the play-offs go into the UEFA Cup.

It all sounds the sort of confusion you would expect from South America rather than Scandinavia!

Malmo won the title — as it is, now — two rounds before the end of the league programme. Along with them into the play-offs go IFK and probably Djurgardens and Norrkoping or Orgryte.

On a personal note, Malmo's title has an English flavour thanks to manager Roy Hodgson, who is in his fourth year with the club, and goalkeeper Jan Moller, who once had a spell with Bristol City.

STEFAN TARRAS

HUNGARY GLOOM

By BRIAN O'SULLIVAN

HUNGARY open their 1990 World Cup qualifying campaign against Northern Ireland in Budapest on October 19 "without face" according to recalled national team manager Gyorgy Mezey who, as part of a six-year contract agreed last July, wants to restore the original face with an ambitious, extensive, training camp programme.

Mezey's "letter of resignation" from the post in June, 1986, was written by the Soviet Union who led Hungary 2-0 after a mere four minutes of the opening World Cup match in Irapuato, Mexico, before defeating the Hungarians 6-0 and giving what Mezey terms his "Mexico stroke."

In fact, his contract was due to expire immediately after the competition and he had told the Hungarian federation privately before the championships that he would not renew it.

Had Hungary managed the summit of their possibilities — perhaps a quarter-final spot, although the public expected at least this after a 73 per cent success-rate in the build-up to qualifying — he might have sought a new contract. But the aggravation before the journey to Mexico, particularly the failure to obtain the release of the captain, Tibor Nuilcsi from Austria Vienna, as well as the team's leaden efforts once there, left him seeking new pastures.

A two-year contract with the Kuwait FA, in whose country he also conducted FIFA coaching courses, was carried out while several books were written of him and his team, the criticism doing nothing to dissuade the federation from seeking his services again once he returned home.

Three managers — Imre Komora, Jozsef Verebes and comparatively recent player Lazslo Balint — had had little success in the hot-seat since Mexico and the federation's offer to Mezey involved the national team and the introduction of his bold training programme for the development of Hungary's footballers and football in Hungary.

He has had published a book, at present in Hungarian only, which comprehensively outlines this programme.

"The long-term aim is to establish this new preparation system for all of Hungarian football, format the beginning to the end of a player's career," Mezey says.

"It means that we brush up everything that has been done in Hungarian football in the past 30 years.

"To do something new in football is not a question of money but of ideas; of what is inside the coach's mind. We want to do something new and I hope with the help of our new idea the world will follow us, not that we will follow the world.

"Changes are taking place in the political and economic life in Hungary and people in football are seeking to incorporate these changes into football itself.

"For example, there will be open, democratic, elections for positions on the presidium of the association early next year."

The more pressing, short-term, challenge of Mezey's post is with Western European clubs, thus leaving him with only a day or two before qualifying group matches in which to prepare the team.

"This requires a complete change in my methods of preparation and I don't know if I will be able to solve the problem," he says.

"Italy is one of the biggest places in the world for football. Italian people are crazy about it and they know a lot about it. They are truly experts in the stadium and not simple spectators.

"Hungary's players have not felt, really, what it means to be top-level performers but they want this experience very much. Even when Hungarian football went down and down — sometimes not too slowly, sometimes quickly — we could still reach the last three World Cup Final tournaments.

"There is the motivation there and I must exploit it but we are in a very difficult group. Spain a few years ago had only two clubs reaching a high level but now they have a lot of good teams, full of brilliant players, and the national team played a big role in recent championships.

"The European Championship showed what is the value of the Republic of Ireland. Everybody must take them seriously as they had a very good team in West Germany.

"Northern Ireland represents British football which .must never be under- estimated. We've had few good results against British teams because their style is not very favourable for Hungary to play against.

"To improve our players physically I have only one possibility: to have a very high-level national championship. If you have a very strong, very aggressive, national championship, that itself prepares the players for international matches.

"This Hungarian national championship is nothing . . . nothing! . . . compared to the German, British, Italian, Spanish or French championships.

"And, besides, you can't do anything with high-level physical performance at international level because this is ABC. We must do something, technically, to reach the top level again."

He believes that the Hungarian football public still has a desire to see skill because of its traditions.

"When we were the best in the world we had a big advantage on the technical side. But then we wanted to reproduce the western style, which was to bring up the physical, aggressive, fast players to high-level endurance. But during this time we lost our technique and now Hungarian soccer is without face.

"I want to bring back our original face because that is the only way in which we can lead our rivals . . . but not yet, only in the future."

Mezey's squad for his first match back in charge — a scoreless draw in a Vienna 'friendly' with historical cross-border rivals Austria, who won 4-0 in Budapest in the previous encounter in May — contained half of the eight or nine foreign-based players that he and his assistant Jozsef Tajti and their back-up technical staff are analysing once again.

Squad: Peter Disztl (Honved, 23 matches), Jozsef Gaspar (MTK-VM,2), Istvan Brockhauser (Ujpest Dozsa 0); Sandor Sallai (Honved, 49, 1 goal) Antal Fath (Feyenoord, 26,1), Antal Nagy (Yverdon, 29, 2) Imre Garaba (Rennes, 68,3), Atiila Pinter (Ferencvaros, 6), Geza Mezsoly (Vasas,0), Jozsef Keller (Ferencvaros, 5); Istvan Kozma (Ujpest Dozsa, 6), Attilo Heredi (Ujpest Dozsa, 5), Ervin Kovdas (Ujpest Dozsa, 5), Gyorgy Bognar (Toulon, 21, 2), Imre Fodor (Honved, 0) Jozsef Kiprich (Tataanya, 28,8), Istvan Vincze (Tatabanya, 12,2), Lazslo Dajka (Las Palmas, 22, 0) Gyula Hajszan (Raba ETO, 27, Robert Joven (Videoton, 0), Jozsef Szalmo (Tatabanya, 0).

Once-famous MTK-VM celebrated their centenary of the club's formation in early August with a four-team tournament which they won.

A storm broke over the Hungarian Korut Stadium just when the opening match was about to start, the hosts beating Wiener SC 1-0, while Ferencvaros, long-time rivals just down the road, beat Austria Wien 2-0 in the other semi-final.

The final provided some stirring play, Peter Hannich again giving a wholehearted performance for the full match which was won 2-1 by his team.

Hannich himself scored in the third minute, Rezso Kekesi added a second in the 23rd, and then Pal Fischer got one back for Fradi four minutes later. But, compared to MTK'S great days, this was all a simple reminder of how they have receded.

HONVED ARE STRUGGLING HOME AND AWAY

CHAMPIONS Honved not only struggled against Celtic in the European Cup, but in the league as well.

The 'Kispest Reds' began very modestly with a goal-less draw with Békéscsaba. A 3-2 victory on penalties meant two points under the new system but the following week's defeat in Pécs put the Champions on the thirteenth rung with ZTE after two matches.

Rába ETO and 'Fradi' lead with maximum, six, points from two wins each in the normal 90 minutes while Ujpest Dózsa linger pointless at the foot

The North Budapest side were, however, the only one of four representatives to emerge from Leg 1 of the European Cup ties with some credit, though from a match with one of Europe's weakest nations.

While Honved could only gain a goal on Celtic, Dozsa were drawing in Iceland with Akranes. The return should be a formality.

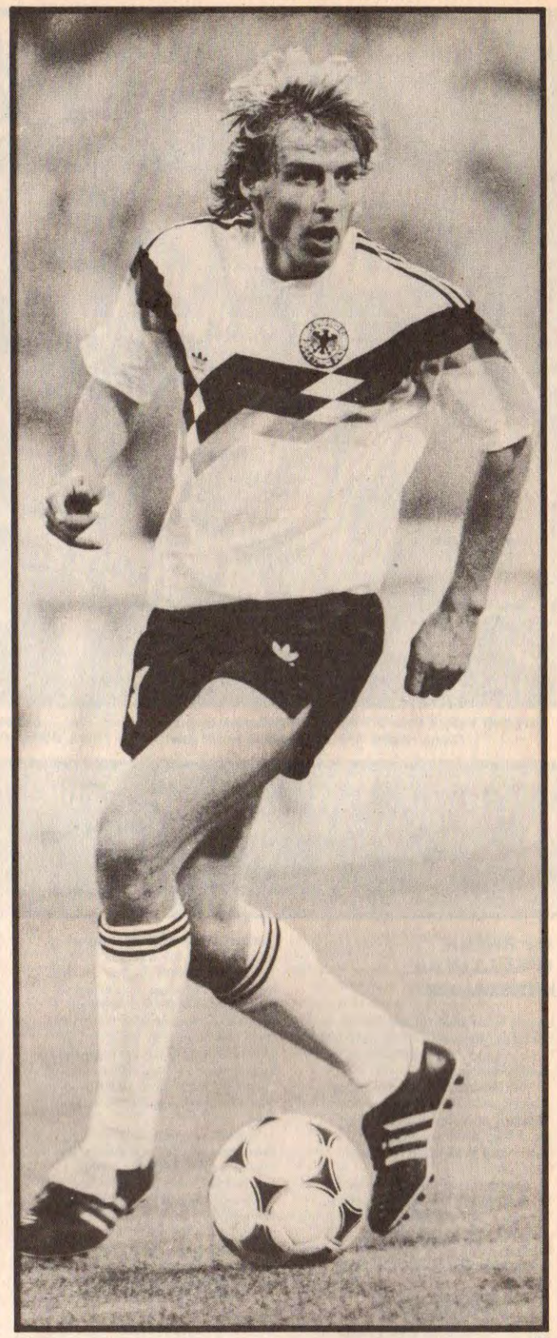
In Division Two, under the reform divided in to West and East, only two sides managed to win both their first two games, Metripond and Debreceni Kinizsi. The latter began with a home win over Nyiregyháza and then took the three points from two rivals Debreceni MVSC.

Metripond, however, lead, having put seven goals past Kazincbarcika on the opening day. There is a long way to go and at the end the runners-up in each region will play off for the third promotion place unless, of course, there is another reform!

BOB VAUGHAN

JURGEN IS ON TARGET

By ARTHUR ROTMIL



THE future looks bright for Jürgen Klinsmann, 24, the rising star of West German football.

The blond, bustling striker has impressed most observers and was one of his country's outstanding successes during the European Championship finals. Klinsmann's pace, control and finishing posed problems even for the best opposing defenders and he can now look forward to following up his appearance in the Olympic Games by leading West Germany's attack in the World Cup.

What a year this has been for the 6ft forward!

Last December he celebrated his international debut on the South American tour against Brazil. Then he finished the season as the Bundesliga's top scorer with 19 goals, which helped Stuttgart into the UEFA Cup.

His fantastic strike from an overhead bicycle kick in the match against Bayern Munich was voted by television viewers as the "Goal of the Year," journalists included him in their Bundesliga "Team of the Season", the readers of the country's top sports paper, *Kicker* voted him overwhelmingly as the best striker — and to cap it all he has been acclaimed Footballer of the Year.

The European Championship confirmed Klinsmann's promise and there is clearly more to come from this talented player. With the international careers of Rudi Völler and Klaus Allofs nearing their end — not least on account of nagging injury — the national team chief Franz Beckenbauer is pinning his hopes on this young, ambitious goal getter.

Jürgen Klinsmann was born on July 30, 1964 in Göppingen. He began his junior career with the local amateur clubs, first TB Gingen and then SC Geislingen, before moving in 1978 to Stuttgarter Kickers. Four years ago he was signed by Stuttgart. Apart from nine full caps, he has also played eight times in the under-21 side, three times in the youth team and several times in the Olympic XI.

Klinsmann learned early in life to be independent. His parents run a bakery in Stuttgart-Botnang, so that they didn't have the time to look after young Jürgen and his three brothers constantly, though he did learn the trade. This upbringing has taught him to make his own decisions. Even now he doesn't need an agent, but follows his own instincts and negotiates himself the contracts with the club and sponsors.

"I'd rather make my own mistakes," he says. He is also guarded about his private life; his circle of friends from Geislingen and girl friend Andrea are never discussed in the media. Politically he leans slightly to the left — he signed, for example, the appeal organised by club mate Karl Allgöwer against the arms race in space — but he is not a radical. And he displays his caring attitude by visiting a detention centre for juvenile delinquents for discussions about their problems.

If he hadn't made it as a footballer he would have liked to become a pilot — "I always enjoy flying", he says. He has no special idol, but would like to meet the veteran American tennis star Jimmy Connors.

Despite his meteoric rise to fame Klinsmann remains refreshingly modest. He still drives an old fashioned Volkswagen "Beetle" and has not acquired the mannerism of the big star. Every club player gets a Mercedes car (manufactured in Stuttgart) at a discount, but Klinsmann sticks with his 'VW', although it cost him more.

"I don't need a flashy car and money doesn't mean all that much to me," he explains. And he has no expensive hobbies either. He invests his money wisely in property, but shuns share buying — "because the risks are too great".

He still proffers his opinions honestly and doesn't have any hang ups. But he is amazed at the reaction of the fans. Halfway through the season they voted him the most popular striker in the country. He polled 53 per cent of the votes, while second placed Frank Mill (Borussia Dortmund) got only 13 per cent. Thus, Klinsmann took the trophy by the greatest margin in any category of specialised players. And now he has had a book published about his career.

His biggest disappointment was the European semi-final defeat by Holland. Klinsmann, who provoked the penalty converted by Matthäus, missed a chance to put the Germans two-up and probably secure a place in the final.

As his greatest experience he describes the invitation from the Federal Chancellor Helmut Kohl to attend a children's charity festival and meeting West Germany's President, Dr Richard von Weizsäcker who told him he would like to discuss football.

Klinsmann's striking powers are becoming prodigious. Unforgettable are his five goals in a 7-0 win over Fortuna Düsseldorf. And now foreign clubs are tempting with lucrative offers. Inter-Milan were rejected, instead he extended his contract with Stuttgart till 1990.

At an increased salary, of course, while his next transfer fee has already been written into the agreement — £1 million. When he leaves, for say £2 million, he will cash in half that amount from the new club for himself!

Obviously, Klinsmann the "blond bomber", has his head screwed on the right way and his senior career is only just taking off.

WORLD CUP DATES

EUROPE

GROUP 1

19.10.88	Greece v Denmark	
19.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania	
2.11.88	Rumania v Greece	
2.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria	
26. 4.89	Greece v Rumania	
26. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark	
17. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria	
17. 5.89	Denmark v Greece	
11.10.89	Bulgariav Greece	
11.10.89	Denmark v Rumania	
15.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria	
15.11.89	Rumania v Denmark	

GROUP 2

19.10.88	England v Sweden	
19.10.88	Poland v Albania	
5.11.88	Albania v Sweden	
8. 3.89	Albania v England	
26. 4.89	England v Albania	
7. 5.89	Sweden v Poland	
3. 6.89	England v Poland	
6. 9.89	Sweden v England	
8.10.89	Sweden v Albania	
11.10.89	Poland v England	
25.10.89	Poland v Sweden	
15.11.89	Albania v Poland	

GROUP 3

31. 8.88	Iceland v Soviet Union	1-1
12.10.88	Turkey v Iceland	
19.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria	
19.10.88	East Germany v Iceland	
2.11.88	Austria v Turkey	
30.11.88	Turkey v East Germany	
12. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey	
26. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany	
10. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union	
17. 5.89	East Germany v Austria	
31. 5.89	Soviet Union v Iceland	
14. 6.89	Iceland v Austria	
23. 8.89	Austria v Iceland	
6. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union	
6. 9.89	Iceland v East Germany	
20. 9.89	Iceland v Turkey	
7/8.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union	
25.10.89	Turkey v Austria	
8.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey	
15.11.89	Austria v East Germany	

GROUP 4

31. 8.88	Finland v West Germany	0-4
14. 9.88	Holland v Wales	1-0
19.10.88	Wales v Finland	
19.10.88	West Germany v Holland	
26. 4.89	Holland v West Germany	
31. 5.89	Wales v West Germany	
31. 5.89	Finland v Holland	
6. 9.89	Finland v Wales	
4.10.89	West Germany v Finland	
11.10.89	Wales v Holland	
15.11.89	West Germany v Wales	
15.11.89	Holland v Finland	

GROUP 5

14. 9.88	Norway v Scotland	1-2
28. 9.88	France v Norway	
19.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia	
22.10.88	Cyprus v France	
2.11.88	Cyprus v Norway	
19.11.88	Yugoslavia v France	
11.12.88	Yugoslavia v Cyprus	
8. 2.89	Cyprus v Scotland	
8. 3.89	Scotland v France	
22. 4.89	Scotland v Cyprus	
29. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia	
16. 5.89	Norway v Cyprus	
14. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia	
5. 9.89	Norway v France	
6. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland	
11.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway	
11.10.89	France v Scotland	
28.10.89	Cyprus v Yugoslavia	
15.11.89	Scotland v Norway	
18.11.89	France v Cyprus	

GROUP 6

21. 5.88	Northern Ireland v Malta	3-0
14. 9.88	Northern Ireland v Rep. Ireland	0-0
19.10.88	Hungary v Northern Ireland	
16.11.88	Spain v Rep. Ireland	
11.12.88	Malta v Hungary	
21.12.88	Spain v Northern Ireland	
22. 1.89	Malta v Spain	
8. 2.89	Northern Ireland v Spain	
8. 3.89	Hungary v Rep. Ireland	
22. 3.89	Spain v Malta	
12. 4.89	Hungary v Malta	
26. 4.89	Malta v Northern Ireland	
26. 4.89	Rep. Ireland v Spain	
28. 5.89	Rep. Ireland v Malta	
4. 6.89	Rep. Ireland v Hungary	
6. 6.89	Northern Ireland v Hungary	
11.10.89	Hungary v Spain	
11.10.89	Rep. Ireland v Northern Ireland	
15.11.89	Spain v Hungary	
15.11.89	Malta v Rep. Ireland	

GROUP 7

1. 9.88	Luxembourg v Switzerland
19.10.88	Belgium v Switzerland
19.10.88	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia
16.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium
16.11.88	Portugal v Luxembourg
15. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium
25/26.4.89	Portugal v Switzerland
30. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia
10. 5.89	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg
31.5/1.6.89	Luxembourg v Belgium
7. 6.89	Switzerland v Czechoslovakia
6. 9.89	Belgium v Portugal
20. 9.89	Switzerland v Portugal
6.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal
11.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal
11.10.89	Switzerland v Belgium
25.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Switzerland
25.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg
15.11.89	Portugal v Czechoslovakia
15.11.89	Switzerland v Luxembourg

Winners and runners-up from groups 3, 5, 6 and 7 qualify for the finals along with the winners of groups 1, 2 and 4 plus the two runners-up from groups 1, 2, and 4 with the best comparative records.

AFRICA

ROUND 1

Group 1

7. 8.88	Angola v Sudan	0-0
11. 9.88	Sudan v Angola	
	Zimbabwe w/o v Lesotho	
	Zambia w/o v Rwanda (withdrew)	
16. 7.88	Uganda v Malawi	1-0
30. 7.88	Malawi v Uganda	3-1
	Malawi 3-2 on agg	
3. 6.89	Libya v Burkino Faso	3-0
3. 7.89	Burkino Faso v Libya	2-0
Libya 3-2 on agg		
7. 8.88	Ghana v Liberia	0-0
21. 8.88	Liberia v Ghana	2-0
Liberia 2-0 on agg		
5. 8.88	Tunisia v Guinea	5-0
21. 8.88	Guinea v Tunisia	3-0
Tunisia 5-3 on agg		
	Gabon w/o v Togo	

ROUND 2

Group 1: Algeria, Ivory Coast, Zimbabwe, Libya.
Group 2: Egypt, Kenya, Malawi, Liberia.
Group 3: Cameroon, Nigeria, Angola or Sudan, Gabon.
Group 4: Morocco, Zaire, Zambia, Tunisia.

ROUND 3

Winners Gp 1 v Winners Gp 2; Winners Gp 3 v Winners Gp 4. Aggregate winning teams qualify for the finals.

ASIA

WEST ASIA

Group 1: Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Qatar.

6. 1.89	Qatar v Jordan
6. 1.89	Oman v Iraq
13. 1.89	Oman v Qatar
13. 1.89	Jordan v Iraq
20. 1.89	Jordan v Oman
20. 1.89	Qatar v Iraq
27. 1.89	Jordan v Qatar
27. 1.89	Iraq v Oman
3. 2.89	Qatar v Oman
3. 2.89	Iraq v Jordan
10. 2.89	Oman v Jordan
10. 2.89	Iraq v Qatar

Group 2: S.Arabia, Bahrain, Syria, AR Yemen.

Group 3: UAE, Kuwait, Pakistan (RP 'South' Yemen withdrew).

EAST ASIA

Group 4: S.Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal (India withdrew so Nepal were switched from Group 5 to square the numbers).

Group 5

20. 2.89	Thailand v Bangladesh
23. 1.89	Thailand v Iran
26. 2.89	Bangladesh v Iran
28. 2.89	Thailand v China
4. 3.89	Bangladesh v China
5. 3.89	Iran v Thailand
8. 3.89	Bangladesh v Thailand
10. 3.89	Iran v Bangladesh
28. 5.89	China v Bangladesh
11. 6.89	China v Iran
21. 6.89	Iran v China
28. 6.89	China v Thailand

Group 6

21. 5.89	Indonesia v N.Korea
21. 5.89	Hong Kong v Japan
27. 5.89	Hong Kong v N.Korea
28. 5.89	Indonesia v Japan
4. 6.89	Hong Kong v Indonesia
4. 6.89	Japan v N.Korea
11. 6.89	N.Korea v Hong Kong
11. 6.89	Japan v Indonesia
18. 6.89	N.Korea v Indonesia
18. 6.89	Japan v Hong Kong
25. 6.89	Indonesia v Hong Kong
25. 6.89	N.Korea v Japan

Winners of all groups play off in a league system with top two teams qualifying for the finals.

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Round 1

19. 6.88	Antigua v Neth. Antilles	0-1
29. 7.88	Neth. Antilles v Antigua	3-1
	Neth. Antilles 4-1 on agg	
12. 5.88	Jamaica v Puerto Rico	1-0
29. 5.88	Puerto Rico v Jamaica	1-2
	Jamaica 3-1 on agg	
17. 4.88	Guyana v Trinidad/Tobago	0-4
8. 5.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Guyana	1-0
	Trinidad/Tobago 5-0 on agg	
17. 7.88	Costa Rica v Panama	1-1
31. 7.88	Panama v Costa Rica	0-2
	Costa Rica 3-1 on agg	
30. 4.88	Cuba v Guatemala	0-1
15. 5.88	Guatemala v Cuba	1-1

Round Two

	El Salvador v Neth. Antilles	
	Neth. Antilles v El Salvador	
30.10.88	Trinidad/Tobago v Honduras	
13.11.88	Honduras v Trinidad/Tobago	
24. 7.88	Jamaica v United States	0-0
31. 7.88	United States v Jamaica	5-1
	United States 5-1 on agg	
9.10.88	Guatemala v Canada	
15.10.88	Canada v Guatemala	
	Costa Rica w/o v Mexico	

Round three

Play-off group (top two qualify for finals): El Salvador or Neth. Antilles, Trinidad/Tobago or Honduras, United States, Guatemala or Canada, Costa Rica.

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WORLD SOCCER SPOTLIGHT ON WEST GERMANY AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR WORLD CUP SHOWDOWN WITH HOLLAND

FRANZ IMAGE UNDER ATTACK

by KEIR RADNEDGE

REVENGE . . . that's the target for West Germany when they take on European champions Holland in one of the most emotive confrontations of the entire 1990 World Cup qualifying programme.

That these two particular rivals should have fallen into the same preliminary group has raised all sorts of uncertainties. Will European champions Holland fall at the World Cup hurdle ? Will the West Germans be missing from the finals for the first time since their re-entry in 1954 ?

One thing is certain as they walk out to repeat their European championship semi-final clash, one of these two great football nations will be dependent, to some extent, on outside forces to find their way to Italy in less than two years' time.

Only one team is certain of progress from group four. The runners-up will get through, if their record is good enough by comparison with at least one of the other four-team groups' runners-up.

West Germany have made a sound start — their team built around five Köln men — with a 4-0 win in Finland. Can they maintain it against the Dutch in Munich — where the Germans scored, in the 1974 World Cup Final, their most famous victory over Holland ?

Holland have a new manager in Thijs Libregts but basically the same team which scored their own Munich triumph far more recently, only as far back as June, in fact, in seizing the European crown at the expense of the Soviet Union. Ruud Gullit started the season still suffering from the aches and pains of his successes earlier this year with Holland and with Milan, but Dutch pride will surely ensure he is in the heart of the action.

Perhaps the biggest challenge is the one facing West German team chief Franz Beckenbauer.

As a player, Beckenbauer was one of the all-time greats; the only West German to reach a century of international appearances: 103 in his case, mostly in his revolutionary role as attacking sweeper.

But great players do not usually make great — or even good — managers and Beckenbauer's image has become steadily more tarnished during his four years as team chief in succession to Jupp Derwall.

Critics, chief among them Paul Breitner, attack Beckenbauer for having brought nothing new in tactical or technical terms to the national team. Most other nations would be proud of a record to match Beckenbauer's — World Cup runners-up in Mexico then European championship semi-finalists — but the Germans expect ultimate success.

Or, at least, they did. Since the European semi-final defeat by Holland in Hamburg, West German football has been taken down a peg. It was unanimously agreed that the Dutch deserved to win that semi-final, even though the Germans went ahead on a night of controversial penalties. With that defeat in mind, there has been an unusual air of uncertainty about this World Cup qualifying campaign.

If history were the yardstick, then no-one would bother challenging the West Germans. They were World Cup-winners for the first time in 1954 (that famous shock upset of Hungary in Bern). Then, since the introduction of full-time professional football and a unified first division in the early 1960s, they have been present at virtually every major occasion.

In 1966, World Cup runners-up; in 1970, third in the World Cup; European champions for the first time — under Beckenbauer's captaincy — in 1972; World Cup-winners on home soil, again starring Beckenbauer, in 1974; European runners-up only after a penalty shoot-out in 1976; World Cup second round finalists in 1978; European champions for a second time in 1980; World Cup runners-up in Spain in 1982; European first round finalists in 1984; World Cup runners-up for a third time in 1986; European championship semi-finalists earlier this summer.

Since the European finals Beckenbauer has had to consider further rebuilding work. Out has gone veteran sweeper Mathias Herget and there is still apparently no role for Klaus Allofs, the former national captain who missed the European finals because of injury.

The leading role of Bayern Munich, the club with which Beckenbauer remains synonymous, may temporarily be at an end. The side which started the 4-0 victory over Finland in Helsinki included five players from Köln and none from champions Werder Bremen or Bayern.

Never mind that European failure, the West Germans still have plenty to offer. They proved the point with their recent 1-0 win over the Soviet Union . . . so Holland had better beware.

THE MANAGER

FRANZ BECKENBAUER. Aged 43 (born September 11, 1945 in Munich). As a player one of the all-time greats and the only West German to reach a century of intl appearances: 103 in his case, mostly in his revolutionary role as attacking sweeper. Beckenbauer played for SC06 Munich, Bayern (for most of his career), New York Cosmos and Hamburg and won almost everything: the World Cup in 1974 (runner-up in 1966), the European championship in 1972 (runner-up 1976), the World Club Cup (1976), the European Champions' Cup (1974, 1975, 1976), the Cup-winners' Cup (1967), West German league and cup. He was also a runner-up in the UEFA Cup with Hamburg and a runner-up in the SuperCup with Bayern. With New York Cosmos, Kaiser Franz won the NASL Superbowl in 1977, 1978 and 1980. He played 396 games (scoring 44 goals) for Bayern between 1965 and 1977; 80 games (17 goals) for Cosmos between 1977 and 1980; and 28 games for Hamburg between 1980 and 1982.

In 1984, when Jupp Derwall stepped down as West German manager after the disappointing exit in the European finals, Beckenbauer was a surprise replacement.

THE PLAYERS

Bodo ILLGNER. Goalkeeper. Aged 21 (born April 7, 1967) with four caps. Köln. Has enjoyed an amazing promotion. Less than two years ago he was reserve to Toni Schumacher at Köln with few apparent prospects of a Bundesliga breakthrough. Then Schumacher published his book, was suspended by Köln and Illgner, after only six first division games, was called into the national squad. True, he was already the under-21s' goalkeeper, having joined Köln in 1985 from minor club Hardtberg. Was reserve to Immel at the recent European championship finals but was selected ahead of him for the recent 4-0 win in Helsinki with which West Germany launched their 1990 World Cup campaign.

Andreas KÖPKE. Goalkeeper. Aged 26 (born March 12, 1962) with no caps. Nürnberg. One of the major discoveries of last season and keeper for West Germany in the Olympic qualifiers. Köpke was the standby goalkeeper for the European championship finals. Joined Nürnberg two years ago from Hertha Berlin. Began with Holstein Kiel.

Thomas BERTHOLD. Right back. Aged 23 (born November 12, 1964) with 27 caps. Verona (Italy) — whom he joined in 1986, after the World Cup finals, from Eintracht Frankfurt. Made his international debut in a 1-0 home defeat by Hungary in Hamburg at the start of 1985. Was originally a right back but is used in midfield by Verona. Berthold was one of only three of the 1986 World Cup Final starters who went on to the recent European finals (the others were Brehme and Mattheus). Berthold was doubly disappointed by the World Cup: apart from finishing a runner-up to Argentina, he was also sent off in the dramatic quarter-final victory over hosts Mexico. Played for the Rest of the World in the Football League centenary match at Wembley last August.

Klaus AUGENTHALER. Sweeper/midfield. Aged 31 (born Sep 26, 1957) with 14 caps. Bayern Munich club captain. Lacks pace but is versatile and has a powerful shot. A member of the West German World Cup squad in Mexico but was dropped after the first two games — the 1-1 draw against Uruguay and the 2-1 win over Scotland. Has spent 13 years with Bayern, his only senior club. Made his international debut against Austria four seasons ago. Missed the 1987 Champions' Cup Final defeat by FC Porto because of suspension; he had been sent off in the stormy semi-final return against Real in Madrid after tangling with Hugo Sanchez.

Andreas BREHME. Defensive or right-side midfield. Aged 27 (born Nov 9, 1960) with 41 caps. Internazionale — whom he joined from Bayern Munich after the recent European finals. Another World Cup success in Mexico: Brehme's midfield energy was important in the West Germans' progress to the Final . . . as well as the vital first goal he scored in the semi-final against France. Felix Magath touched a free kick square and Brehme's shot squirmed through goalkeeper Joel Bats's fingers into the net. Brehme was first capped against Belgium in February, 1984, and then scored the winning goal against the Soviet Union two matches later. Joined Bayern from Kaiserslautern two years ago after making his name with Saarbrucken. Also an Olympic and under-21 international. Now back to full fitness after a knee operation at the start of last season. Has already made a successful impression on his new Italian employers.

WEST GERMANY: Back Row (left to right): Eike Immel, Matthias Herget, Jurgen Kohler, Rudi Voller, Guido Buchwald, Jurgen Klinsmann. Front Row (left to right): Pierre Littbarski, Olaf Thon, Andreas Brehme, Lothar Matthaus and Wolfgang Rolff.

Gunnar SAUER. Central defender. Aged 23 (born June 11, 1964) with no caps. Werder Bremen. One of only two players from the West German champions to have been named in the European finals squad (Borowka is the other) and even then he did not get a game. Sauer joined Bremen in 1979, as a 14-year-old, from youth club SV Cuxhaven.

Uli BOROWKA. Central defender. Aged 26 (born May 19, 1962) with six caps. Werder Bremen. Joined Werder a year ago after seven years with Borussia Monchengladbach and was one of the key changes which turned Bremen from league runners-up into new champions. Strong in the tackle and made his national team debut in the 1-0 win over Argentina in the final of the four-team West Berlin tournament at Easter. Borowka was suspended from the second leg, and badly missed, when Bremen lost to Bayer Leverkusen in the UEFA Cup semi-finals. He and fellow defender Gunnar Sauer were the only two Bremen players in the West German squad for the European championship finals — and Borowka was the only one who played after injury to his bitter personal rival, Guido Buchwald.

Guido BUCHWALD. Stopper/full-back. Aged 27 (born January 24, 1961) with 21 caps. Stuttgart. Big, reliable defender who began his career with junior clubs SV Wannweil and TSV Pliezhausen. Moved on to Stuttgarter Kickers and then into the Bundesliga with (VfB) Stuttgart in 1983. Made his national team debut in the 1-0 win over Italy, in Zurich in May 1984, which marked FIFA's 80th anniversary. Was first-choice at the start of the European finals then lost his place to Borowka after being injured during the opening 1-1 draw against Italy in Dusseldorf.

Jurgen KOHLER. Stopper. Aged 22 (born October 6, 1965) with 20 caps. Köln. The current players' Player of the Year. His hero as a teenager was Karlheinz Forster, whose place he has now taken in the national team. Joined Waldhof Mannheim (then in the second division) from Jahn Lambsheim as a 16-year-old and was instrumental in Mannheim's promotion to the Bundesliga. Last summer he was sold to Köln for a German domestic record for a defender, £740,000.

Armin GÖRTZ. Left back. Aged 29 (both August 30, 1959) with two caps. Köln. A sort of West German Stuart Pearce: a raw, late developer called up recently in a surprise move by Beckenbauer. No doubt Görtz has benefited from Köln's high-profile revival this past season. Much-travelled defender — having played for Eintracht Frankfurt, Borussia Dortmund, Beveren and Waregem in Belgium, and joining Köln two years ago. A success in the Olympic qualifying campaign.

Stefan REUTER. Defensive midfield. Aged 21 (both October 16, 1966) with nine caps. Bayern Munich — whom he joined this summer from Nürnberg. Joined 'Club' in 1982 from the amateur club, TSV Dunkels-bohl. Admired more for his stamina and effort rather than for his skill and technique. Made his international debut in a goalless draw against Italy in Köln in April last year but lost form this spring and missed out on a place in the squad for the European finals.

Holger FACH. Sweeper. Aged 26 (born September 6, 1962) with one cap. Bayer Uerdingen. Jumped the queue of prospective national team sweepers to make his debut in the recent 4-0 victory over Finland in Helsinki with which West Germany began their 1990 World Cup qualifying campaign. Joined Uerdingen last summer after six years with Fortuna Dusseldorf.

Lothar MATTHÄUS. Midfield. Aged 27 (born Mar 21, 1961) with 66 caps. Joined Internazionale from Bayern Munich after the European finals for £2.4 million. Matthäus established his reputation at the 1986 World Cup finals where he struck the second-round winner with a tremendous free kick against Morocco . . . and who was then appointed (despite a broken wrist) to try to put the shackles on the great Diego Maradona in the Final. Matthäus joined Bayern from Borussia Monchengladbach for a West German domestic record of £650,000 immediately after Bayern had beaten Borussia on penalties in the 1984 domestic cup final. Matthäus's first three internationals were spread over two years from 1980 and all were as substitute. Played in two first-phase matches in the 1982 World Cup finals and in all three of West Germany's games in the 1984 European championship finals. Sent-off once in a Cup-winners' Cup tie against Moss of Norway after a clash with one-time Bayern and Nottingham Forest defender, Jan Einar Aas. In 1986 Matthäus was one of the most clearly-spoken opponents of a last-minute World Cup return for Barcelona's controversial Bernd Schuster, saying: "Why should someone who worked hard for his country in the qualifying round lose his chance of the glory of going to the finals because Schuster may feel like playing now?" In the event Schuster decided not to press the point.

Wolfgang ROLFF. Midfield. Aged 28 (born Dec 26, 1959) with 35 caps. Bayer Leverkusen. Rolff was Bayer's one representative in the European championship squad after captaining them to surprise progress last season in the UEFA Cup Final. He has been a regular target over the past year for the second-strata provincial Italian clubs who know a good player when they see one but can't afford the superstars. Rolff began with OSC Bremerhaven and then joined Hamburg from Fortuna Köln in 1982 — making a delayed start to his Bundesliga career because he had been suspended earlier after signing for two clubs! Rolff was the only Hamburg player to feature regularly in the national team under Derwall between 1982 and 1984 at a time when most of the others (Kaltz, Magath, etc) were 'at war' with the national manager.

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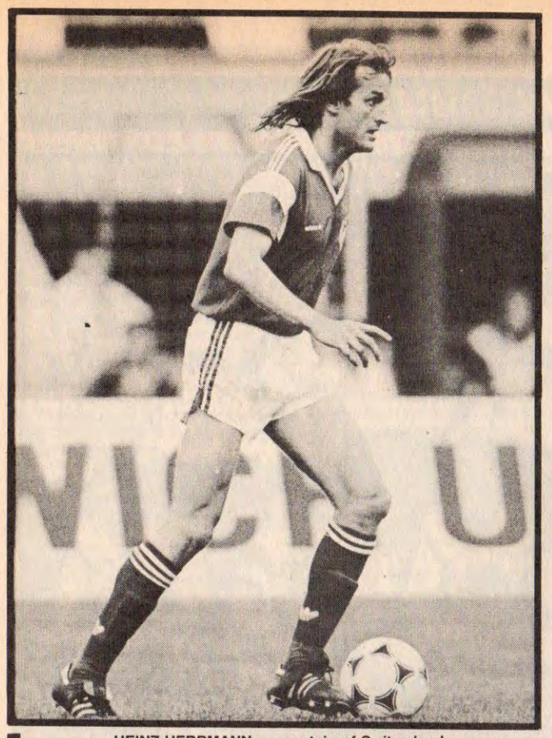


HEINZ HERRMANN . . . captain of Switzerland.

SWISS TEST

SWITZERLAND

SWITZERLAND'S last big test before the start of the World Cup qualifying campaign in Group Seven — a 4-1 away win in Luxembourg — was a bitter disappointment.

Not so much the 2-0 defeat by a rebuilt Yugoslavia but the fact that the Swiss performed so badly was what shook media and fans alike.

Earlier euphoria was all but extinguished in the aftermath of that important preparatory match in Lucerne in which the team never looked like scoring and failed in every department to fulfil expectations.

Ever since the World Cup draw many Swiss experts were feeding the public with optimistic predictions that their side has a great chance of making it to the finals after a 24-year absence.

The opposition was largely belittled as "over the hill" (Belgium), "pedestrian" (Portugal), "shot-shy" (Czechoslovakia) and "soccer dwarfs" (Luxembourg).

To boost the players' confidence, test opponents Yugoslavia were described as "lacking real class" and plainly underestimated. This attitude probably inspired the Slavs to pull out all the stops to prove themselves.

Switzerland's key men Alain Geiger and Heinz Hermann failed to control and organise their team, while the opposition displayed technique and athleticism as well as running qualities far above those of the hosts.

The Swiss had only one solitary chance in 90 minutes — in the last seconds of the game — and, on this showing, have little chance of reaching Italy in 1990.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

EURO JOY IN BERLIN

EAST GERMANY

A POOR international in the Jahn-Sportpark in Berlin with Greece, note worthy only for the absence of captain Rene Muller from the squad, modest form shown by BFC and Lok, the latter still without a victory and FC KMS' win in Dresden have all more or less been forgotten since the European renaissance of East Germany's representatives.

The experts have been scratching their heads and turning to their record books in an attempt to find a previous occasion, if there is one, on which all four clubs not only avoided defeat but also went without the concession of a goal.

Dynamo Berlin's performance gave the greatest satisfaction. At best a narrow victory over Werder Bremen could have been expected but 3-0 must have been beyond the wildest dreams of the Dimitroff Strasse side.

Some rather odd selections may have helped with Werder fielding the Norwegian Skogheim, an Under 21 not 'full' cap who has yet to play in the Bundesliga. It might not have mattered on the night who team manager Rehhagel put out given the football Doll and Thom, two of the Dynamo scorers, turned on but there seemed to be a lack of understanding in the 'Weser Green' ranks.

Their promising 'keeper Reck looked nervous and it was not undeserved when Doll put BFC in front on the quarter hour mark. The unfortunate Skogheim had the chance to level moments before the interval with a three yard header but the lanky Rudwaleit somehow contrived to get a leg to deflect the ball while apparently more interested in executing a handstand.

The result was a home interval lead and shortly afterwards the substitution of the Norwegian.

Despite Herrmann coming on Werder continued to suffer. Thom increased the lead on the hour and Pastor gave the GDR Champions a 3-0 advantage to take to Bremen 13 minutes before the end.

Seldom have BFC played so well in Europe and it remains for Bogs' Dynamo to weather the initial storm when the return is played on the first Tuesday of October.

A full house of 24,000 packed the revamped Jahn-Sportpark and there will be twice as many in the Weser Stadium which is also a sell out.

Cup runners-up Carl Zeiss Jena were back in European action at the Ernst-Abbe-Sportfield where they entertained a most unlikely opponent, SC Krems, of the Austrian Second Division and Cup Final conquerors of Ernst Happel's FC Swarovski Tirol.

Even the signing of veteran Hans Krankl could do little to stem the tide though 'Glaziers' only had one goal, through Weber after 19 minutes, to show for their first half cutting up of the Lower Austrians.

In the second half the modest team from the wine growing area of the Wachau were comprehensively polished off, Straszer netting twice and Merkel and Ludwig once each. 9,000 spectators were present to see Carl Zeiss more or less book their passage to the Second Round.

In the UEFA Cup, out-of-form Lok travelled to Aarau to take on the Swiss surprise packets of recent seasons, FCA. The final result gives a false impression of the game which was goalless at half time. Throughout the match Rene Muller had to be on his mettle and he received considerable praise for his clean sheet from former Polish guardian, Hubert Kostka, now in charge at Aarau.

The failure of the Swiss to score means that team manager Thomale, in his fourth season at the Bruno-Plache-Stadium, should be able to sleep a little more easily.

He admitted it took Lok a long time to get on top and added Aarau would be no pushover in Leipzig. Hobsch scored the first Lok goal after 61 minutes but the final two came nine and five minutes from the end through Hobsch again and Marschall to give the Railwaymen their 30th win in major European competition.

Hobsch's first goal was the club's 100th in Europe. More important none was recorded against.

Dynamo Dresden, the second UEFA Cup participants, had no easy task being drawn away to Aberdeen. Whatever one's thoughts about the match, from the Dresden point of view, the result at Pittodrie was right.

Goalkeeper Ronnie Teuber apart, there were some modest Dynamo performances and the Dons' failure to put away their chances means an inordinately difficult task next month in Saxony.

It could have been worse had Dynamo converted a breakaway in the dying seconds but on the other hand the Scots could have been travelling to the return with a bag full of goals.

Off the line clearances, some Teuber magic and lack of luck in front of goal, a feature in all Aberdeen's matches this season, look likely to mean an early exit for the Dons' but as co-manager Alex Smith said after the first leg: "Many a team in recent time has gone away holding a 2-1 lead and not made the grade. We may be well served having to start from scratch and a score draw would do the trick."

Back in the 'Oberliga' Dresden lead by a point from Halle with Aue and KMS equal also on six points. BFC are fifth while Lok have only been able to draw when not losing.

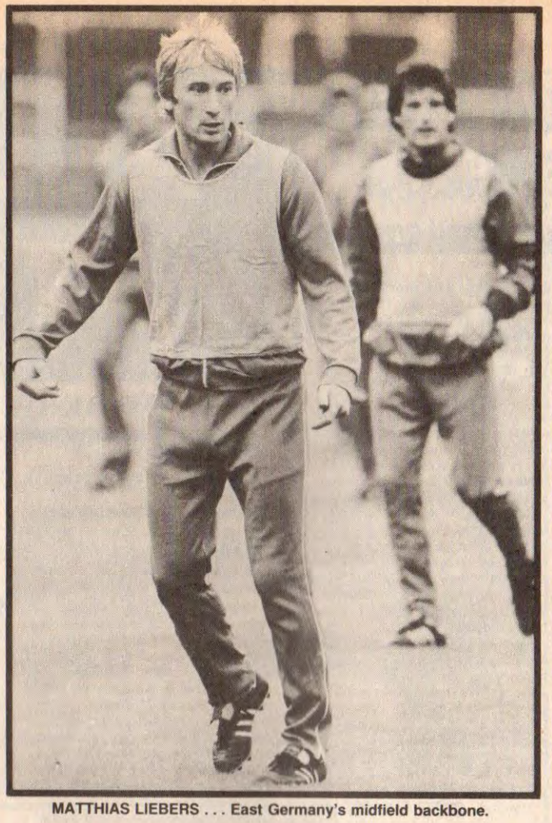
Off the pitch BFC Chairman, Manfred Kirste, the only top club official still in office since the major reorganisation of 1966, has stepped down for health reasons.

In his place is Herbert Krafft who will be trying to ensure the Dynamos win their 11th consecutive Championship, another 'Oberliga' and Trade Union Cup double as well as going all the way in the European Cup. He will have his work cut out!

The international team is shortly in action again. Another 'training International' has been arranged. Poland are the visitors to Cottbus which sees its second ever 'A'-"Landerspiel".

It remains to be seen whether Rene Muller receives the nod and returns to guard the national nets.

His main challenger is the Wismut Aue number one, 31-year-old Jorg Weissflog, who won his tenth cap against Greece.



MATTHIAS LIEBERS . . . East Germany's midfield backbone.

USSR

THE 'Sbornaja's' visit to Iceland did not bring the World Cup Group III points home as had been hoped and expected. Perhaps it was, in retrospect, not the best time to schedule such an important match so relatively soon after the European Championship but it had to take place sometime.

Sigi Held's squad will hope in October to do as well in the GDR and better than the Olympic team did there last spring. Another Icelandic point would put the cat among the pigeons in a Group where at least three nations will be aiming for second place.

The break for Euro '88 and the onset of the Olympics have disrupted domestic football but not apparently European participation. Spartak Moscow would have hoped for a greater margin in the Champions Cup from their first leg home tie with Glentoran but are unlikely to slip up in Belfast.

Danger

Kharkov may, however, struggle to dismiss the Yugoslavs of Banja Luka but should just make Round Two in the Ukraine. The Lithuanians, with their internationals, may spring a surprise in Vienna and shade it while Dynamo Minsk are well placed following their win at Plovdiv.

Torpedo could be in danger in Moscow against visiting Malmo, armed with a two goal lead but Dnepr are in the greatest danger, Girondins having the advantage of an away goal and requiring a narrow win or a goalless draw on top of the first "match a egalite" in what for many years has been a town closed to Westerners.

When league action is restored to normal and squads have Olympic and 'A' squad players regularly available again, there will be an indication as to who may take this calendar year's championship.

Dynamo Kiev may be the best bet with only the championship on which to concentrate. There is also, for the 'Sbornaja', the small matter of taking two points from the Austrians in mid-October, a tie for which an English referee has been nominated.

NOT VERY RAPID . . .

AUSTRIA

THE BIGGEST shock in the Austrian Championship is the poor start of title holders Rapid who had been overwhelming favourites.

Team manager Otto Baric introduced yet another compatriot from Yugoslavia, the international midfielder Munjakovic (ex-Dinamo Zagreb) whose strength in the tackle and non-stop running were designed to help Yugoslav strikers Zoran Stojadinovic and Zlatko Kranjcar.

The latter has, incidentally, obtained Austrian nationality.

A 4-1 away win over Austria Klagenfurt proved misleading as the Viennese have since lost twice at home, by 2-1 to Admira Wacker and worst of all, by 3-0 to their fierce rivals FK Austria.

The surprise team so far have proved to be St.Polten — especially when one considers that all their players are "discards" by other clubs — who are now producing outstanding performances.

Even their Argentine ace Mario Kempes (the 1978 World Cup's top scorer), now 34, was no longer wanted by First Division Vienna. He was persuaded to join St.Polten in the Second Division and led them to promotion.

The provincials confirmed their ascendancy by drawing 0-0 at league leaders FK Austria, where a full house swelled by thousands of St.Polten fans saw a fine match after which the travelling contingent acclaimed their team as "moral victors".

FK Austria's visit to FC Tirol proved to be an explosive affair. The Tyroleans led by 3-1, when in the 88th minute a firework hit Austria's keeper Wohlfahrt who suffered burns and had to be substituted.

The match was completed but FK lodged a protest. This result helped St.Polten, who beat Vorwarts Steyr 2-0 and were thus sharing top spot with FK Austria.

Klagenfurt boast an unusual striker of real class. The Yugoslav Bogdanovic, who is a deaf mute, scored a hat-trick in a 4-3 win over Admira Wacker. These results underline the currently even balance of standards in the First Division.

FRANZ HEADACHE

WEST GERMANY

By Arthur Rotmil

WEST GERMANY'S national team chief Franz Beckenbauer has had to resolve an unusual problem regarding the team captaincy.

By way of compromise it has been agreed that the position will become flexible — the captain's name will be confirmed before each international.

For the World Cup visit to Finland injuries to strikers Klinsmann, Mill and Klaus Allofs, midfielder Wuttke and sweeper Herget upset the manager's planning, but he bravely nominated five Koln players — Bodo Illgner (in goal), Jurgen Kohler, Armin Gortz, Pierre Littbarski and the debutant Thomas Hassler 22, and they didn't let him down.

Two goals by Rudi Voller, plus one each from captain Matthaus and the substitute newcomer Riedle earned the Germans a great start in the group. The only sour note was struck by 'keeper Eike Immel, the previous recognised No.1, who said he "will never again play in national colours."

In the Bundesliga champions Werder Bremen started indifferently and it could be that the team which won the title are no longer "hungry" for success, while the management decided to rest on their laurels and have not signed a single new player of note.

Certainly, the 3-0 defeat in the first leg first round of the European Cup to Dynamo Berlin shocked the fans.

Bayern Munich, the club who registered the largest turnover of players in the off-season, are surprisingly finding fewer problems than expected. The only real disapointment has so far been the Swedish international striker Johnny Ekstrom whose lack of mobility and understanding with his team-mates has persuaded team chief Jupp Heynckes to demote the expensive newcomer to the reserve bench.

Meanwhile two outsiders are making headlines. Karlsruhe, a team without stars, who have already been relegated four times from the Bundesliga, sprang a surprise by storming to the top of the table after three games, for the first time in their history.

Team manager Winfried Schafer (38), who formerly played for Karlsruhe, but also for Borussia Monchengladbach, warned his players to remain realistic — "Our target is still to avoid relegation."

Another "grey mouse", as they say here, which also leapt to the top, albeit temporarily, were Bayer Uerdingen. But after the last round before the 18-day break due to the Olympics, Bayern Munich and Stuttgart were sharing the lead, followed by the Bayer clubs from Leverkusen and Uerdingen.

In the relegation zone are Cup holders Eintracht Frankfurt. Having sold Hungarian star Lajos Detari to Olympiakos Piraeus, they are now waiting for the arrival of the Polish ace, Dariusz Dziekanowski (25), for whom a £350,000 fee has been agreed with Legia Warsaw.

Manager Karlheinz Feldkamp has been absent through illness so Pal Csernai has been appointed in his place.

Csernai was assistant at Frankfurt in the 1970s, then head coach at Bayern Munich, Sporting Lisbon and PAOK of Salonika.

First coaching dismissal of the season was that of Jurgen Wahling, sacked by bottom-of-the-table Hannover.

POOR CLUB FORM HITS VENGLOS

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

JOSEF VENGLOŠ was happy to celebrate a 4-2 win in a friendly against Austria after all the gloom and doom at club level, certainly as far as the European Cup goes.

Sparta, needing to take a good lead to Bucharest for the return with Steaua, caved in 5-1 at the Letna and it must be 'na shledanou' after the second leg in Rumania.

Inter also boobed at home but Dukla came away from Northern Spain only a goal to the bad and having notched a priceless away score against Real Sociedad.

Osters IF, fourth last season in the Swedish top league and justt qualifying on goal average for Europe, were too strong for Tj DAC Dunajska Streda in Växjö and it will be a close thing at the Corn Island Stadium when the Swedes make the journey to Western Slovakia.

It could go to extra time and be a toss up or rather a shoot out as to who goes in to the hat for the Second Round. Real Sociedad will not be easy meat in Prague but Dukla may prove the only survivors.

In the league Sparta remain a force at home with convincing victories over Dunajska Streda and Nitra, respectively 6-0 and 3-1, in the latter match bouncing back after the Steaua disaster. In Vršovice against Bohemians they were also impressive taking both points by four goals to two and few would bet against them becoming champions again. At the other end of the table Slovan struggle but fellow promoted club Škoda Plzeň have recorded home wins against Trnava and Dunasjska Streda.

The 1-1 draw with France in an international friendly in Paris did not reveal much and once the second leg of the first round of the European Cups is complete attention will turn to the first World Cup qualifying tie in Luxembourg.

The Grand Duchy should be less of an obstacle than the November visitors Belgium who will be seeking to reverse a downward trend in the European Championship by taking at least a point in Czechoslovakia. Thereafter there is no competitive 'A' international until the return next April in Brussels.

BOB VAUGHAN

Press poles apart

POLAND

IT is not many weeks since the press was heaping abuse on football and few followers could have predicted the events of mid September even if the national team still had to prove itself this season.

The first real test of the 'Team Polska' will be the World Cup tie with Albania in Poland in October, a match from which the Poles will be aiming to take maximum points. Thereafter there is no further World Cup action until the late spring when Sweden is visited and England entertained within a month.

It remains to be seen how many players attached to foreign clubs will be called or whether the team may be based on Górnik Zabrze and GKS Katowice.

Both won their games following the first leg of round one in the European Cups. Katowice were successful away to Walbrzych, the 'Little Górnik', 1-0 and 'Big Górnik' defeated Lech 2-1.

The previous Wednesday Górnik had accounted for the Luxembourg champions, also in Zabrze, and three goals should be sufficient to carry the day in the return with Jeunesse in Esch-sur-Alzette.

By far the most impressive performance was GKS' in Glasgow. Rudy & Co could easily have won but now may find it moire difficult in Silesia when having to score twice to reach the second round. Nevertheless Rangers are not exactly facing an easy task though an early away goal could settle matters.

Katowice must hope for a big crowd in the 'Slonsk' recalling the early Górnik days in Europe, a Rudy in his 'Glasgow' form and a Jojko able to make the astonishing sort of save which denied Rangers a two goal advantage in the 90th minute at Ibrox.

Legia also showed no reaction on returning from UEFA Cup duty in Western Germany, beating Bytom 1-0 at home. Their result in Munich was not, however, so good though the away score will make the Germans have to fight. Bayern must go out early one season and while not wishing to increase further the pressure on team manager Jupp Heynckes, Legia certainly will not want to fare any worse than Górnik or Katowice.

Another good Polish performance was Lech's 3-2 defeat in Albania. Last season Vlora Flamurtari accounted for Wismut Aue but in Poznan Lech should have little trouble clinching the tie. Perhaps Lech will go a long way in EC II, a competition in which the quality of participant tends to vary rather more than in the Champions' or UEFA Cups.

In the domestic competition the club may have to be careful not to drop too many points. For the moment optimism rules but for all there is a need to steer well clear of the foot of the table and the bottom four.

BOB VAUGHAN

ALL CHANGE AT THE TOP

BY DERICK ALLSOP

ALL RIGHT, so we were only three league Championship rounds into the season and, as we know only too well, this is a marathon rather than a sprint.

But still it was nonetheless refreshing for that and most of the country was amused to read the names at the top of the English First Division: first, Southampton; second Norwich. And, just for good measure: fourth, Millwall.

The game in this country is in desperate need of a shot in the arm and a little prosperity in the provinces would certainly help the cause. Few are ready, of course, to pronounce the end of the Merseyside dominance and, come the end of the campaign, Liverpool and Everton must surely figure in the crucial exchanges.

In mid-September, however, Everton were third and Liverpool fifth after being held by Nottingham Forest and Aston Villa respectively. Southampton and Norwich were the only teams with maximum points.

Southampton were, ironically, accused by their Northern Ireland striker Colin Clarke of lacking ambition. The club responded by fining him and running into a sequence of three straight wins. They opened with a 4-0 destruction of West Ham United at the Dell, then won 1-0 away to Queen's Park Rangers, and followed up with a 2-1 home success against Luton. A goal by Rodney Wallace eight minutes from the end clinched the three points against Luton and left Southampton at the top of the pile.

It was also a late goal that sustained Norwich's 100 per cent record. Captain Mike Phelan struck in the 83rd minute to give them a 1-0 home win against goal-shy QPR.

Norwich had launched their season with two goals in 15 minutes against Brian Clough's Forest. They eventually scraped through 2-1 and a week later held on for a 3-2 victory at Middlesbrough.

Both Liverpool and Everton began the season in ominously productive form. Liverpool followed up their 2-1 Charity Shield defeat of Wimbledon with a 3-0 League win away to Charlton — all five goals coming from John Aldridge.

The £2.8 million return of Ian Rush to Anfield had inevitably raised doubts about Aldridge's future. His response was devastating. Equally positive was manager Kenny Dalglish's response when PSV Eindhoven came in for the Republic of Ireland striker. "Aldridge stays," he told the Dutch.

A converted penalty by the Dane Jan Molby gave Liverpool a rare Anfield triumph against Manchester United and Rush had to wait until the visit to Villa Park to start a league match for the first time. It was the £1.9 million England striker Peter Beardsley, rather than Aldridge, who made way for the Welshman. Dalglish said: "We have three world class strikers in our squad but only two positions to fill up front.

"Unfortunately we cannot field all three at once, but Beardsley showed the right attitude, which is what you would expect of him as a person and as a player."

Rush didn't mark the occasion with a goal, but he twice hit the woodwork and once was on target only to be given offside. Liverpool required a brilliant chip by Ray Houghton following a swiftly taken free-kick to equalise Alan McInally's goal.

While Aldridge was making early headlines for Liverpool, Tony Cottee, the man signed from West Ham for £2 million, was doing the same for Everton. He scored a hat-trick in the 4-0 romp against Newcastle United at Goodison Park and then registered the only goal of the match at Coventry. Everton and Cottee found Forest an entirely different proposition, however, and it required a goal by substitute Adrian Heath to salvage a home point.

Millwall, savouring their first season in the upper grade, drew 2-2 at Villa, won 1-0 at home to Derby and thumped Charlton 3-0 away to split the Mersey giants.

Sixth placed Arsenal were among the fancied clubs this season and they flexed their muscles by giving FA Cup holders Wimbledon a 5-1 hiding on their own ground. A week later, however, their credentials were questioned when they lost 3-2 at home to Graham Taylor's newly-promoted Villa. McInally got two of Villa's goals.

Arsenal found themselves on the acceptable side of a 3-2 scoreline at Tottenham. Paul Gascoigne, Spurs' £2 million midfield player, scored his first goal for the club but couldn't ease the anxiety of their troubled start to the season.

Their first match was scheduled to be the home fixture against Coventry, but that had to be postponed because police decided White Hart Lane was unsafe. Building material was still on the ground following summer work on the new East Stand. When Spurs kicked off their season at Newcastle, former Tyneside

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players Chris Waddle and Gascoigne had missiles and abuse hurled at them. Mars bars were thrown at 'fat boy' Gascoigne, but rocks and coins were aimed at Waddle, who scored Tottenham's first goal in the 2-2 draw.

Referee David Scott said: "Depending on where Waddle might have been hit by the missiles he could have been seriously injured, even killed. I picked up two pieces of rock or stone. They were as big as a fist and I will report it.

"I advised Waddle to delay taking a corner because he was under a hail of coins, Mars bars and rocks. I handed the rocks to the police and more police moved into that corner."

Newcastle, facing an FA inquiry into the missile throwing incidents, announced they would close a section of their St James' Park ground for the next match there.

Everton's Pat Nevin wins this battle with Manchester United's Bryan Robson as Gordon Strachan looks on.

Dinamo maximum

RUMANIA

IT is the same old story in the Rumanian 'A' division with Dinamo and Steaua both on maximum points, eight from four games, but with Lupescu's team four goals to the good having put eight past Jiul on their return to League duty following the victory over Lahti, the Finnish Cup-winners' representatives.

Steaua, fresh from their triumph in Prague, a 5-1 win over Sparta, faced Oţelul of Galaţi, 1-0 conquerors of Juventus thanks to a 59th minute penalty from which Profir profited to give the home side victory in front of 20,000 in the Dunarea (Danube) Stadium. Oţelul have little chance in Turin but it was not a bad re-entry to European football after 12 years. The two premier clubs should therefore go through but Victoria and Otelul may have to wait for another season.

The domestic championship may soon become a two horse race yet again though at the foot of the table there is plenty of interest with former European Cup qualifiers, 'U' Craiova on two points, Rapid on one and Bacau without a win or a draw propping up the rest.

CELTIC SLUMP

SCOTLAND

IF some alchemist could have discovered, in the last few weeks, a way of dispensing confidence from a bottle, he would have made his fortune by peddling his product no further afield than Celtic Park in Glasgow.

The Scottish League and Cup double winners from last season have been so pulverised by self-doubt in that period that those betting men who supported them at 5-4 joint favourites for the championship on opening day now find themselves holding vouchers as valuable as fool's gold.

In their opening six matches, Celtic lost four times — one more defeat than they had to endure for the entire, 44-match programme of last season.

They were also eliminated from the Skol League Cup at the quarter-final stage by Dundee United, the Tannadice side having also beaten them in the Premier Division just 10 days earlier.

Nobody connected with Celtic had to look far for the cause.

A dramatic loss of confidence was evidenced by the performances of new goalkeeper Ian Andrews from Leicester City, centre half Mick McCarthy of the Republic of Ireland, fellow international full-back Chris Morris, and Scotland captain Roy Aitken.

There was no surprise when manager Billy McNeill eventually dropped Andrews and McCarthy for the league game against Dundee at Dens Park on September 24.

The team, it was generally acknowledged, produced one of their best performances of the season and lost 1-0.

Meanwhile, Rangers marched clear at the top of the league and into the Skol Cup final against Aberdeen, all without the services of principal strikers Ally McCoist and Kevin Drinkell.

They were not always particularly polished — as Graeme Souness himself conceded — but they got there.

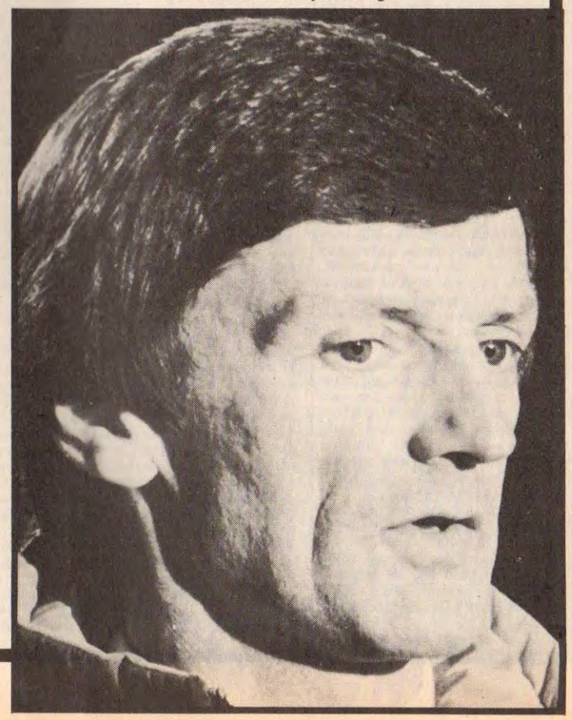
Now Celtic somehow have to get their self-belief back in time to overcome the 1-0 deficit they face against Honved of Budapest in the second leg of their European Cup tie at Parkhead on October 5.

Rangers face a hazardous trip to Katowice in Poland protecting a 1-0 lead in the UEFA Cup tie.

In the same tournament, rejuvenated Aberdeen have the same task against Dynamo Dresden in East Germany.

Hearts, leading St Patrick's Athletic of Dublin 2-0, should coast through at Tynecastle,

SCOTLAND boss Andy Roxburgh.



BULGARIA

STREDETS CAN REACH NEXT ROUND

THE first leg games in the European Cup competitions brought mostly bad news for the four Bulgarian representatives. Only Sredets have realistically a chance of making the second round in the Cup-winners' Cup, having brought the bacon home from Bratislava where a weak Inter succumbed 2-3.

It always looked a tie the Bulgars could manage given even a slight deficit in Slovakia but now the return should be beyond the Czechoslovak Cup runners-up who have rarely gone far in any of their forays in Europe.

Vitosha, on the other hand, can hardly make up two goals in Italy.

Milan's victory in Sofia will mean a simple task for the Italians with the Dutch flavour and probably a poor attendance in Milan.

Little less disastrous was Trakia's home defeat by Dynamo Minsk in the UEFA Cup in Plovdiv. It will be a miracle if Trakia can go one better than Mechelen in Minsk and win away by the two goals now necessary to survive. Slavia are in an even worse predicament following a 0-5 reversal in Belgrade, and face virtually certain elimination.

Together it looks like one representative in the second round and the prospect of only one place in the UEFA Cup in 1989/90.

On the international front the draws in Finland and in Norway, where several greater names have fallen in recent time, and the victory in Iceland give rise to some optimism. There is a month before Rumania come to the Levsky for the first tilt in the First European World Cup qualifying group. This game must be won though attitude will have to improve on that shown against Scotland in Sofia and the Republic of Ireland in Dublin in the failed attempt to reach the European Championship Finals in Western Germany.

The first week of the 1988-89 championship brought out an average gate of 15,000 at first division grounds. Champions Vitosha fielded a young side away to Beroe and came a cropper though only by one goal to nil. Iskrenov was not able to win the war up front as virtually the sole attacker and the defence showed alarming gaps.

Cup winners Sredets were in better form at home to Vratza whom the army side saw off comfortably 5-1. 20,000 spectators witnessed some excellent football, the attacking Sredets team building up a 4-0 interval lead. Running the midfield and proving dangerous in front of goal was the red headed newcomer Gutov.

Elsewhere on the opening day, Trakia had little difficulty in taking the points at home to Miner, Slavia lost in Varna to Spartak while newly promoted Dunav defeated Lok Go in a hard game which produced one goal and four yellow cards.

BOB VAUGHAN

IRAQ WIN ARAB CUP FOR FOURTH TIME

From WALID TABRA

IRAQ collected the Arab Cup for the fourth time out of five when they beat Syria 4-3 on penalties after a goalless draw in the final in Amman, Jordan.

The 1986 World Cup finalists came out on top of a slightly-understrength tournament. Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Kuwait all kept their senior players out of competition to save them for the Arab Nations' Cup, being held in Doha, Qatar, later this year.

King Hussein of Jordan was guest of honour at the opening matches, in which hosts Jordan were surprisingly held goalless by Bahrain, and Syria and Algeria fought out a 1-1 draw.

There were more surprises in store when what was, in fact, the Kuwait youth team upset Jordanian fans by beating the local favourites 1-0. The Jordan players were jeered off the pitch.

Bahrain produced another upset in holding Algeria to a goalless draw. But they could not repeat their form against Syria, whose 2-1 win sent them to the top of group B.

When Algeria at last found something approaching their form by defeating Kuwait 1-0, the pressure was suddenly on Jordan. To stand any hope of progress — and keeping local interest in the tournament alive — they needed to beat Algeria.

The 1982 and 1986 World Cup finalists were confident they had found their feet but over-confidence plus goals from Narith Yadeg and Jehad Abdul Menem earned Jordan a 2-1 win. Thus inspired, they comfortably beat Syria 2-0 to earn a place in the semi-finals.

In group A, Iraq began with nothing like the confidence of prospective champions. In their first match, despite being given a first-half lead by Ahmed Radhi, they dropped a point against Tunisia. Then they were held goalless by Lebanon — a shock result which provoked the Iraq federation to sack manager Jamal Salih in mid-championship.

Ammu Baba, who had been sacked on the eve of the finals, was given his old job back and put on a special flight from Baghdad to save the day!

Luckily for Baba, his arrival was immediately followed by a 2-0 win over Saudi Arabia. But Egypt presented problems — even though they were without Magdi Abdelghani (playing in Portugal) — and the Iraqis had to be satisfied with a goalless draw.

In the first round the Egyptians had looked impressive in victories by 3-0 over Lebanon and 1-0 over Tunisia. But in the semi-finals they could not find a way through a stubborn Syrian defence and, when the scoreline was still blank after 120 minutes, slipped out 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out.

In the other semi-final, Iraq had no such problems. Ahmed Radhi took his overall total to four goals (earning the top marksman award) when he opened the score against Jordan and Iraq eventually cruised to a 3-0 success.

Syria, in the final, were a very different proposition from the erratic Jordanians. They were tightly organised in defence and their counter-attacking tactics paid off in the 33rd minute when Nazar Mahroos crossed for Walid Naser to shoot home. It was an advantage they held for only a few minutes — Iraq equalising through Basil Gorgis, whose 22-yard rocket gave keeper Malik Shakoohi no chance.

When it came to the penalty shoot-out the Syrians found they had used up their luck against Egypt in the semi-finals. Iraq won the duel 4-3 to take the cup for the fourth time — after their successes in 1964, 1966 and 1985.

In general the championship was of a poor standard, partly owing to the uneven status awarded the event by the different federations. Ahmed Radhi was voted top player, in addition to his top scorer's award, and Lebanon won a special 3,000-dollar award for outstanding performance — in their case in view of the war-torn state of their country. Premier Saleem Al-Huss greeted the squad on their return to Beirut, where each player was given a 1,000-dollar bonus.

As for the victorious Iraqis, there were Toyota cars for emergency manager Ammu Baba as well as for Ahmed Radhi and skipper Sameer Shaker.

GROUP A — Egypt 0 Saudi Arabia 0; Iraq 1 Tunisia 1; Iraq 0 Lebanon 0; Tunisia 1 Saudi Arabia 1; Lebanon 1 Saudi Arabia 0; Egypt 1 Tunisia 0; Iraq 2 Saudi Arabia 0; Tunisia 1 Lebanon 1; Egypt 3 Lebanon 0; Iraq 0 Egypt 0.

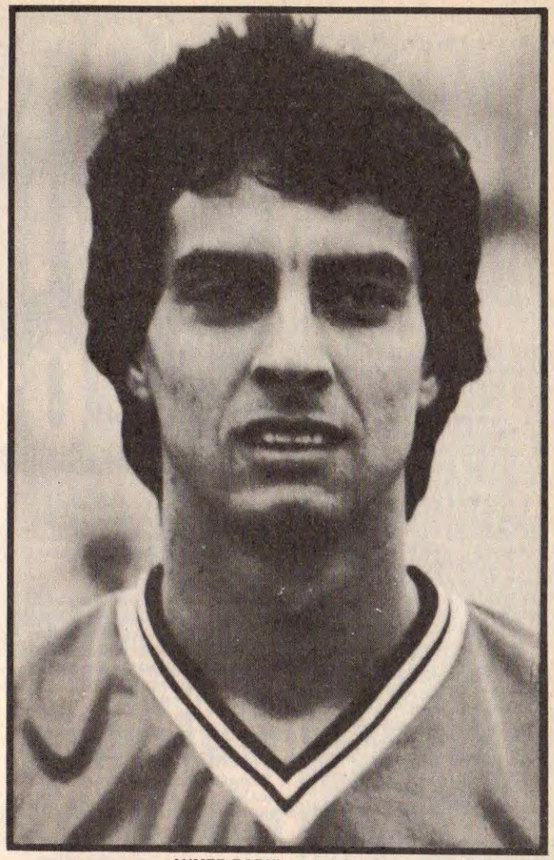
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Egypt	4	2	2	0	4	0	6
Iraq	4	1	3	0	3	1	5
Lebanon	4	1	2	1	2	4	4
Tunisia	4	0	3	1	3	4	3
Saudi Arabia	4	0	2	2	1	4	2

GROUP B — Jordan 0 Bahrain 0; Syria 1 Algeria 1; Bahrain 0 Algeria 0; Kuwait 1 Jordan 0; Algeria 1 Kuwait 0; Syria 2 Bahrain 1; Syria 1 Kuwait 0; Jordan 2 Algeria 1; Kuwait 1 Bahrain 1; Jordan 2 Syria 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Jordan	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Syria	4	2	1	1	4	4	5
Algeria	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
Kuwait	4	1	1	2	2	3	3
Bahrain	4	0	3	1	2	3	3

Semi-finals — Syria 0 Egypt 0 (4-3 on pens); Iraq 3 Jordan 0. Final: Iraq 1 Syria 1 (4-3 on pens).

Previous winners — 1962 Tunisia. 1964 Iraq. 1966 Iraq. 1985 Iraq.



AHMED RADHI . . . top scorer.

YELLOW PERIL

By SIMON KUPER

THE newsmakers at the beginning of the Dutch league season are not the players but the referees. Their boss has instructed them to punish fouls more severely and the referees responded by awarding a record 50 yellow cards on the first day of the new season. They also sent two players off.

Managers and players are furious. Referees have always been very unpopular in Holland, where authority is resented and where referees are seen as officious, vain and unathletic men who know nothing about football.

A group of managers have met to discuss the new refereeing. They have always told their players to push the rules to their limits but now this is resulting in suspensions and sendings-off.

As Jan Brouwer (manager of FC Volendam) complained: "We're afraid that soon it won't be eleven players against eleven, but five against five."

The managers' criticism seems to be having an effect. The referees have become less strict recently. Even so, the referees' boss, Leo van der Droft, defends the sudden severity. Naturally, since he ordered it himself.

"The referees had become much too tolerant," he says. "Last year there were a couple of horrific fouls which were not punished at all. If the European Championships can be played sportingly, then why can't the Dutch league?"

Despite Holland's brilliance at the Championships, the Dutch league has remained very weak. Holland triumphed this summer because the country has about four players who are among the very best in the world, and another eight or nine who are strong internationals. The other Dutch professionals are less than mediocre.

The league season has been uneventful so far, and the table looks unfamiliar, as PSV, Ajax and Feyenoord, the clubs that should come out on top at the end, have started poorly.

PSV's results have been good (seven points from the first four games), but their play hasn't. The team has hardly changed since they won the European Cup last year, but veterans like Soren Lerby and Erik Gerets are starting to remind us of their age.

Yet PSV should win their fourth successive league championship this year. Their only possible rivals, Ajax and Feyenoord, have disappointed so far. Feyenoord, with seven new players, held PSV to 2-2 in the first league match, in front of 45,511 spectators. But since then the Rotterdammers have fallen back again.

The club is now waiting impatiently for Peter Houtmon to return. Houtmon has already signed for Feyenoord, but his old club, Sporting Lisbon, refuse to release him.

Feyenoord are confident that Houtman, a 30-year-old striker, will be freed to play soon.

It would be Houtman's fourth spell with Feyenoord (he has also had three spells with FC Groningen). In his ten previous seasons in Holland he scored 185 league goals, as well as seven goals in eight internationals.

Houtman is a tall, hefty striker, a good header of the ball. Players of his type are so rare in Holland that the Dutch call them 'English centre forwards'. The unfortunate Houtman never got the credit he deserved, and was often dropped or sold.

Roda Kerkrade and Groningen started well in the European club competitions. Both clubs won the home leg of the first round. Roda beat Victoria Guimaraes of Portugal 2-0 in the Cup Winners Cup, while in the UEFA Cup Groningen won 1-0 against Atletico Madrid. The two clubs will travel hopefully to Iberia for the return leg.

RIX DOUBLE BUT STEIN IS INJURED

from ANDRE DUCLOS

YOU win some, you lose some. Only a few days after Graham Rix had scored his two, exciting left footed goals for Caen against Lille, the second from a 35 yard free kick, it was known that Brian Stein's injury had put him out for three months.

Truly cruel news for a Caen team battling back desperately from a shocking start to the season. Losing seven out of their nine opening games, they had put two winning home matches together, most astonishingly defeating Toulon 2-1, then coming through by the same score at Caen against Lille.

One consolation, while they are waiting for unlucky Stein to come back; the 21-year-old local striker, Fabrice Divert, has surprised everybody with his lively form.

He was just about the best player on the park against Toulon, league leaders at the time, and will clearly stay in the team.

Meanwhile Caen will be expecting to get more out of another of their many inter-season buys, the big centre-forward N'Jo-Lea, who has a chance to re-establish himself now that Stein is out.

British strikers have certainly been on target. Clive Allen went quickly to the top of the league scorers when he hit another double at home to Strasbourg, the second after a magnificent individual run. It would have been a triple had he not missed a penalty, but he seems to have fitted in nicely.

Not that the man he has displaced, Zlatko Vujovic of Yugoslavia, is exactly repining. That same day, along the coast of Cannes, he was scoring both goals in the unexpected defeat of powerful, promoted Sochaux.

Not even the prolific Stephane Paille could save that one for Sochaux. He also led the French attack, scoring in the ill-starred game at home to Czechoslovakia at the Parc de Princes, a few days earlier.

Paille recently made an interesting statement. Asked how he felt about belonging to his club, given the massive mobility of French players which freedom of contract has brought about, he remarked that he had no special sense of loyalty towards Sochaux or any other club: no surprise really when you remember that at the end of last season, when Sochaux were well set for promotion, Paille was talking about joining a bigger team.

Where he did fee. loyalty, he perused, was to his companions, his mates, the other members of the team. Which seems a fairly logical, if highly objective, way of looking at things.

The French national team is floundering at the moment, but it wasn't helped in its first game by the absence of Fernandez from the midfield, and of Le Roux, injured at the last moment, from the defence.

Eric Cantona, Marseille's new centre-forward, didn't play, of course. Dropped from the team, as Marseille themselves had dropped him earlier in the season, he responded with a great outburst against team manager Henri Michel, saying he would never play for France again, so long as Michel was the manager. Then he repented and apologised, admitting he had gone too far.

It remains to be seen whether he will be forgiven by Michel. If you are cynical, I suppose you would say it will depend on how he plays; and how France play.

Greatly impressive has been the start made by Auxerre to the season. Once again, their long-serving one-club, veteran manager, Guy Leroux, 50-years-old on October 18, seems to be working his magic. He had to let Cantona go, but you can hardly say the team are missing him, conquerors of powerful Monaco on their own ground and very nearly winners at the Parc de Princes against Paris Saint-Germain.

One great goal scoring success has been the newly-arrived two footed striker from Quimper, the Second Division club, Didier Monczuk. He scored twice against Monaco, and hit home a free kick when a somewhat unlucky Caen were beaten 3-0 at Auxerre.

Another who has been in excellent form, hitting two left footed goals at the Parc des Princes, is the Yugoslav midfielder who came from Dinamo Zagreb, Markoo Mlinaric, 28. Monczuk is 27.

Last season, in Cup and Second Division, he scored no fewer than 33 times. It has taken him quite a while to make his mark in the First Division and he has certainly been around; Angers, Rouen, Istres, Ales, Quimper. Most of it Second Division stuff, though you have to go back over eight years for his First Division debut, made for Angers. A late developer, but none the worse for that. Roux has chosen well yet again.

Another "new" force is Youm, in splendid form for Nantes with the free scoring Scotsman, Mo Johnston. Another 28-year-old, a Senegalese international, he had an especially fine day for Nantes at Montpellier where Youm was utterly superb, scoring a goal and gaining the amazing mark of six; when five is generally reckoned to the top.

SOCCER IN THE YEAR 2000 . . .

A BRAZILIAN sociologist recently wrote in an article: "Modern civilisation tends to make everything uniform, that everything becomes equal." That, said Darcy Ribeiro, is the biggest danger — the system dominating individualism.

And that also seems to be the danger for soccer in the future — that more and more systems will cut out individual play more and more.

Individual opinions differ.

Carlos Bilardo, Argentina's national team coach and 1986 World Cup winner: "The soccer of the future will be poli-functional. There will be no fixed positions and the movement and constant rhythm will be fundamental. With hard work one can produce the super player, one who defends and attacks and can move all over the field without difficulty. The specialist player will no longer stand out."

Juan Carlos Lorenzo, a former Argentine national team coach, also with Boca Juniors and in Italy: "It will be very physical, similar to that being played by Italy now, so that the physical preparation of a player will be fundamental. This will logically go against soccer as an entertainment, but fans will accept it.

"For this dynamic, fast and functional players will be required, players who move all over the place to find open spaces which does however not mean that technique will be relegated to second place."

Carlos Griguol, Ferrocaril Oeste and former River Plate coach in the Argentine championship: "I imagine a game more like chess, more programmed, more tactical, but it will not be boring. It will be entertaining because of its rhythm.

"Each team will come out with a series of playing plans which rivals will have to stop and vice-versa — something similar to top class basketball as played in the United States.

"Players will have more problems to avoid being closely marked and will continually need new variations of tactics to be able to do something. The future is polifunctional."

But a player, still active and with years of experience, disagrees.

Ricardo Bochini, veteran midfielder of Independiente (Argentina): "There will not be any changes. There aren't any mysteries left in soccer, neither tactically nor strategically. The player is the most important element and will continue to be so. Physical preparation will be very important . . . just as it is now.

"In the future good ball controllers and players who know what to do with the ball will be needed, just as now. The good players will always win matches and championships because technique will always be fundamental.

"Tactics . . . don't talk to me about tactics. Soccer is all about good ball play. The rest are just sayings."

That is the way Bochini has played all his life and tactics have rarely been successful in stopping him.

CORINTHIANS WIN THEIR 20th TITLE

from ERIC WEIL in South America

POPULAR Corinthians won the Sao Paulo State League title for the 20th time when they beat Guarani in the two-legged final . . . and it was a 19-year-old amateur reserve player — who was only being paid six dollars a week to pay his bus fare to and from the club to his slum dwelling — who scored the goal in the second leg 1-0 win after the clubs had drawn the first leg 1-1.

Paulo Rosas "Viola" slipped the ball past Guarani goalkeeper Sergio Neri four minutes into extra time in front of a 50,000 crowd at Guarani's Brinco de Ouro stadium in Campiñas in what was only his second game in the senior team. Now he expected to receive a "salary" increase, but apart from that he was due for a 5,000 dollars bonus, as also the other players in the team, for winning the title.

If Guarani had held out for a second draw in extra time they would have won the title due to their having gained more points during the season. Their striker Evair finished as leading goal scorer in the championship with 19.

For the final match the two teams lined up as follows:

Corinthians: Ronaldo, Edson, Marcelo, Denilson, Dida, Marcio (Paulinho Gaucho), Everton (Wilson Mano), Joao Paulo, Biro Biro, Viola, Paulinho.

Guarani: Neri, Marquinhos, Vagner, Ricardo, Alberis, Paulo Isidoro, Barbieri (Mario), Neto (Careoa), Boiadeiro, Evair, Joao Paulo.

Most other Brazilian clubs — there are 778 pro or semi-pro clubs with an estimated 13,000 professionals or semi-pros — had been enjoying one of their longest ever close seasons.

Other state championships finished some time ago and the national championship was not due to start until September.

The National Sports Council, which rules sports activity in Brazil, decided that 24 clubs will take part in the next national championship to be played between September and May. This is four more clubs than last season and constitutes a defeat for the "group of 13" strong clubs who held their own championship last season while not participating in the national championship and who wanted no more than 20 clubs in the top division.

The clubs to play in the national championship first division are:

From Rio de Janeiro (6): America, Bangu, Botafogo, Flamengo, Fluminense, Vasco da Gama; From Sao Paulo (6): Corinthians, Guarani, Palmeiras, Portuguesa, Santos, Sao Paulo FC; Minas Gerais (2): Atletico Mineiro, Cruzeiro; From Rio Grande do Sul (2): Internacional, Gremio; From Parana (2): Coritiba, Atletico Paranaense; From Santa Catarina: Criciuma; From Goias; Goias; From Bahia (2): Vitoria, Bahia; From Pernambuco (2): Sport, Santa Cruz.

COLOMBIA: Nacional (Medellin) and America (Cali) made sure of a place in the eight-team end of season final round for the title as they have a big lead in the overall standings from which the top eight go into the final round.

Nacional, who traditionally line up only Colombian-born players and also lead the "Finalización" Championship (second of the season's tournaments), have 38 points and America — who at the same time won their first round group of the Libertadores Cup — have 32. Next come defending champions Millionarios (Bogota) and Independiente Santa Fe (Bogota) with 27.

But at press time, Gabriel Ochoa Uribe resigned as coach from America whom he had taken to six league championships and three Libertadores Cup finals in the nine seasons he had been with the club. Ochoa Uribe, a doctor who had also been national team coach before the last World Cup, had recently been in Europe on a prolonged holiday and during his absence Humberto Ortiz had been put in charge. Since his return Ochoa Uribe had been reluctant to take full charge again.

URUGUAY: Modest Danubio, who won their first six games with their young team, and Libertadores Cup holders Peñarol share the lead in the Uruguayan first division, but the former has played a game less.

Meanwhile, Da Silva and Baran, of Danubio and Peñarol respectively, also share the lead in the scorers table with 10 goals each.

But it is the players who returned from abroad who are making the headlines — unusual for Uruguayan soccer as it is usually those who leave for foreign clubs who do so.

Venancio Ramos, formerly a winger with Peñarol and the national team, shone for his old club in midfield when they lined up a virtual reserve team — their first teamers were in Seoul inaugurating the Olympic stadium — to beat Defensor 3-2. A week later Daniel "Coquito" Rodriguez, a favourite of the fans, shone in Peñarol's 4-1 victory over Cerro.

Rodriguez, only 22, had been on loan with Argentina's Mandiyu whom he helped to win promotion to the national A division, but formerly, when only 16, he was in the squad which won the Libertadores Cup and Intercontinental Cup for Peñarol in 1982. Since returning to the club he had scored five goals in two games.

The championship was interrupted for two weeks when the Uruguayan national team played in a tournament in Colombia with seven players from Peñarol, five from Danubio, five from Nacional and two from Wanderers.

PERU: Union Huaral, at the top all the way, won the Metropolitan zone of the regional championship and together with the second to sixth-placed teams qualified for de-centralised championship and also a six-team play-off for one Libertadores Cup place next year.

The other teams are Universitario, San Agustín, Sporting Cristal, Octavio Espinoza and Municipal.

Meanwhile the top two teams from each of the north, south and central groups also qualified for the de-centralised championship, these being Alianza Atletico Sullana and Universidad Tecnica Cajamarca from the north, Cienciano (Cusco) and Melgar (Arequipa) from the south and Deportivo Junin and Minas San Vicente from the central zone.

TRUCCO, goalkeeper of Bolivia's Oriente Petrolero, intercepts a high centre intended for Olimpia striker Raul Amarilla. Oriente Petrolero won the Libertadores Cup match 2-1 in Asunción.

Team problems and transfers abroad

CHILE: Small club Deportes Concepción top the Chilean first division by one point after six games.

And the standings are somewhat surprising after the pre-season championship.

Cobreloa, who did badly, are in second place while pre-season championship semi-finalists Colo Colo — who won the title — and Unión Española are next to bottom and bottom respectively.

Colo Colo, it must be said, were fielding reserves in some matches in view of their Libertadores Cup commitments, the same as defending champions Universidad Catolica who are halfway down the table.

PARAGUAY: Olimpia won the second round of the Paraguayan first division to take 2½ bonus points into the final round together with second-placed Libertad (1½) and third-placed Cerro Porteño (1½ points).

The first round had been won by Sol de America (who also have 2½ bonus points), followed by Cerro Porteño (who now total two) and Sportivo Luqueño (half).

Valdir Espinosa, Brazilian coach of defending champions Cerro Porteño, left the club suddenly without handing in his resignation nor returning the 55,000 dollars signing-on fee he received. The reason may have been poor results obtained by the club in the Libertadores Cup and hostility of the fans against him.

VENEZUELA: Atletico Tachira took second place on the last day of the Venezuelan professional league's final round.

Maritimo had already retained the title earlier and next year the same two clubs will again be representing Venezuela in the Libertadores Cup, Tachira for the third year running.

ARGENTINA and Brazil, the main South American candidates for Olympic soccer glory in Seoul, left for the Games with teams much weaker than they had hoped for.

Not only were leading players transferred abroad not released by their foreign clubs but in Argentina a number of big clubs would not release their players either. And with players continually being transferred abroad, both coaches, Argentina's Carlos Bilardo and Brazil's Carlos Alberto Silva, had similar problems.

"I have a player today and he's gone tomorrow" both expressed as they had to make continual team changes — for the worse — up to the last moment.

In Brazil it is estimated that over the last 20 months 226 of the leading league players have gone to European clubs in what one Brazilian sports official called "a modern slave trade".

Other officials have suggested that coach Carlos Alberto Silva should also go to Europe to be able to better prepare a team for next year's World Cup qualifying matches.

There are already over 200 Brazilians playing in Portugal and what would be Brazil's best national team line-up is spread all over Europe.

The players, of course, cannot be blamed for wanting to go. There are 13,000 professionals or semi-professionals in Brazil's 778 clubs, but while Zico is reported to earn around 16,000 dollars a month, he is the exception and the scale goes right down to players who are lucky if they get 40 dollars a month.

In Argentina, clubs can also get so much more for players abroad than at home. A case in point was the sale of two first team players of champions Newell's Old Boys recently. Striker Abel Balbo was going to Italian club Verona — who may loan him out as they already have three foreigners — for 1,100,000 dollars while defender Fabian Basualdo, who played in the same championship winning team, went to Argentina's River Plate for only 90,000 dollars . . . and Balbo was only a reserve when the season started.

In Uruguay meanwhile, where the FA register shows over 700 players transferred abroad in the last 10 years, league leaders Danubio have just transferred their centre-forward, Ruben "Polillita" Da Silva to Italy's Lazio for what is a record for a Uruguayan club — 1,200,000 dollars . . . and Da Silva, younger brother of Jorge Da Silva, a leading scorer at Atletico Madrid, is only 20.

Not so many Peruvians move abroad and national team coach, Jose Fernandez has just chosen 23 players to start preparing for next year's World Cup qualifying games against Uruguay and Bolivia.

There are none playing with foreign clubs, but Fernandez said that this does not mean they may not be called up later.

Meanwhile champions Universitario supply nine, Sporting Cristal five, Union Huaral four, Alianza Lima three and San Augustin and Melgar one each. All but the last mentioned are clubs from the Lima area which should facilitate training arrangements.

THE Libertadores Cup first round groups were almost completed at press time with eight of 10 teams — the top two of each group — already qualified for the second round.

But in some cases it had not been decided which club was first and second in its group which indicates who plays who in the first round of the two-legged knock-out stage.

The qualifiers are Chile's Universidad Catolica and Colo Colo from group one, Argentina's Newell's Old Boys and San Lorenzo from group two, America (Colombia) and Nacional (Uruguay) from group three, Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia) from group four and Guarani (Brazil) from group five.

Guarani's entry was a surprise as due to last season's split league in Brazil — already mentioned in previous issues — this club is far from being among the country's strongest.

Problems were few and far between. An exchange of four players between Argentine clubs San Lorenzo and River Plate — which was later anulled due to fitness problems of one of them — almost cost San Lorenzo their second stage place because one of the players involved, Gorosito, had played for them in cup matches.

The position is unclear, because although Gorosito is still with San Lorenzo the clubs have still not reached an agreement. With the transfer not having been finalised San Lorenzo could conceivably have lost points.

EUROPEAN FIXTURES

AUSTRIA

OCTOBER 1
Linzer ASK v Austria K
Vienna v Grazer AK
Admira v Austria V
Rapid v Vorwarts
Sturm v Wiener SK
Tirol v St Polten

OCTOBER 8
Austria K v St Polten
Wiener SK v Tirol
Vorwarts v Sturm
Austria V v Rapid
Grazer AK v Admira
Linzer ASK v Vienna

OCTOBER 11
Vienna v Austria K
Admira v Linzer ASK
Rapid v Grazer AK
Sturm v Austria V
Tirol v Vorwarts
St Polten v Wiener SK

OCTOBER 22
Austria K v Wiener SK
Vorwarts v St Polten
Austria V v Tirol
Grazer AK v Sturm
Linzer ASK v Rapid
Vienna v Admira

NOVEMBER 5
Austria K v Vorwarts
Austria V Wiener SK
Grazer AK v St Polten
Linzer ASK v Tirol
Vienna v Sturm
Admira v Rapid

NOVEMBER 12
Rapid v Austria K
Sturm v Admira
Tirol v Vienna
St Polten v Linzer ASK
Wiener SK v Grazer AK
Vorwarts v Austria V

NOVEMBER 19
Sturm v Austria K
Tirol v Rapid
St Polten v Admira
Wiener SK v Vienna
Vorwarts v Linzer ASK
Austria V v Grazer AK

DECEMBER 3
Austria K v Grazer AK
Linzer ASK v Austria V
Vienna v Vorwarts
Admira v Wiener SK
Rapid v St Polten
Sturm v Tirol

POLAND

OCTOBER 2
Wisla Cracovia v Olimpia Poznan
GKS Jastrzebie v Slask Wroclaw
Lech Poznan v Gornik Walbrzych
Jagiellonia Bialystok v Szombierki Bytom
LKS Lodz v GKS Katowice
Pogon Stettino v Widzew Lodz
Stal Mielec v Gornik Zabrze
Ruch Chorzow v Legia Varsavia

OCTOBER 9
Legia Varsavia v LKS Lodz
GKS Katowice v Jagiellonia Bialystok
Szombierki Bytom v Lech Poznan
Gornik Walbrzych v GKS Jastrzebie
Slask Wroclaw v Wisla Cracovia
Olimpia Poznan v Sal Mielec
Gornik Zabre v Pogon Stettino
Widzew Lodz v Ruch Chorzow

OCTOBER 23
Pogon Stettino v Olimpia Poznan
Stal Mielec v Slask Wroclaw
Wisla Cracovia v Gornik Walbrzych
GKS Jastrzebie v Szombierki Bytom
Lech Poznan v GKS Katowice
Jagiellonia Bialystok v LKS Lodz
Ruch Chorzow v Gornik Zabrze
Widzew Lodz v Legia Varsavia

OCTOBER 30
Legia Varsavia v Jagiellonia Bialystok
LKS Lodz v Lech Poznan
GKS Katowice v GKS Jastrzebie
Szombierki Bytom v Wisla Cracovia
Gornik Walbrzych v Stal Mielec
Slask Wroclaw v Pogon Stettino
Olimpia Poznan v Ruch Chorzow
Gornik Zabrze v Widzew Lodz

NOVEMBER 6
Widzew Lodz v Olimpia Poznan
Ruch Chorzow v Slask Wroclaw
Pogon Stettino v Gornik Walbrzych
Stal Mielec v Szombierki Bytom
Wisla Cracovia v GKS Katowice
GKS Jastrzebie v LKS Lodz
Lech Poznan v Jagiellonia Bialystok
Gornik Zabrze v Legia Varsavia

NOVEMBER 15
Legia Varsavia v Lech Poznan
Jagiellonia Bialystok v GKS Jastrzebie
LKS Lodz v Wisla Cracovia
Szombierki Bytom v Pogon Stettino
Gornik Walbrzych Ruch Chorzow
Slask Wroclaw v Widzew Lodz
Olimpia Poznan v Gornik Zabrze
GKS Katowice v Stal Mielec

PORTUGAL

OCTOBER 2
Est Amadora v Sporting
V Setubal v Boavista
Nacional v Penafiel
Desp. Chaves v Sp. Espinho
Sp Braga v V Gulmaraes
Beira Mar v Portimonense
Leixoes v Acad Viseu
FC Porto v Maritimo
Benfica v Farense
Fafe v Belenenses

OCTOBER 9
Sporting v Fafe
Boavista v Est Amadora
Penafiel v V Setubal
Sp Espinho v Nacional
V Gulmaraes v Desp Chaves
Portimonense v Sp Braga
Acad Viseu v Beira Mar
Maritimo v Leixoes
Farense v F C Porto
Belenenses v Benfica

OCTOBER 16
Sporting v Boavista
Est Amadora v Penafiel
V Setubal v Sp Espinho
Nacional v V Gulmaraes
Desp Chaves v Portimonense
Sp Braga v Acad Viseu
Beira Mar v Maritimo
Leixoes v Farense
FC Porto v Belenenses
Fafe v Benfica

OCTOBER 23
Boavista v Fafe
Penafiel v Sporting
Sp Espinho v Est Amadora
V Gulmaraes v V Setubal
Portimonense v Nacional
Acad Viseu v Desp Chaves
Maritimo v Sp Braga
Farense v Beira Mar
Belenenses v Leixoes
Benfica v FC Porto

OCTOBER 29
Boavista v Penafiel
Sporting v Sp Espinho
Est Amadora v V Gulmaraes
V Setubal v Portimonense
Nacional v Acad Viseu
Desp Chaves v Maritimo
Sp Braga v Farense
Beira Mar v Belenenses
Leixoes v Benfica
Fafe v FC Porto

NOVEMBER 6
Penafiel v Fafe
Sp Espinho v Boavista
V Gulmaraes v Sporting
Portimonense v Est Amadora
Acad Viseu v V Setubal
Maritimo V Nacional
Farense v Desp Chaves
Belenenses v Sp Braga
Benfica v Beira Mar
FC Porto v Leixoes

NOVEMBER 20
Penafiel v Sp Espinho
Boavista v V Gulmaraes
Sporting v Portimonense
Est Amadora v Acad Viseu
V Setubal v Maritimo
Nacional v Farense
Desp Chaves v Belenenses
Sp Braga v Benfica
Beira Mar v FC Porto
Fafe v Leixoes

NOVEMBER 27
Sp Espinho v Fafe
V Gulmaraes v Penafiel
Portimonense v Boavista
Acad Viseu v Sporting
Maritimo v Est Amadora
Farense v VV Setubal
Belenenses v Nacional
Benfica v Desp Chaves
FC Porto v Sp Braga
Leixoes v Beira Mar

DECEMBER 1
Sp Espinho v V Gulmaraes
Penafiel v Portimonense
Boavista v Acad Viseu
Sporting v Maritimo
Est Amadora v Farense
V Setubal v Belenenses
Nacional v Benfica
Desp Chaves v FC Porto
Sp Braga v Leixoes
Fafe v Beira Mar

DECEMBER 4
V Gulmaraes v Fafe
Portimonense v Sp Espinho
Acad Viseu v Penafiel
Maritimo v Boavista
Farense v Sporting
Belenenses v Est Amadora
Benfica v V Setubal
FC Porto v Nacional
Leixoes v Desp Chaves
Beira Mar v Sp Braga

DECEMBER 11
V Gulmaraes v Portimonense
Sp Espinho v Acad Viseu
Penafiel v Maritimo
Boavista v Farense
Sporting v Belenenses
Est Amadora v Benfica
V Setubal v FC Porto
Nacional v Leixoes
Desp Chaves v Beira Mar
Fafe v Sp Braga

DECEMBER 18
Fafe v Portimonense
Acad Viseu v V Gulmaraes
Maritimo v Sp Espinho
Farense v Penafiel
Belenenses v Boavista
Benfica v Sporting
FC Porto v Est Amadora
Leixoes v V Setubal
Beira Mar v Nacional
Sp Braga v Desp Chaves

DECEMBER 31
Portimonense v Acad Viseu
V Gulmaraes v Maritimo
Sp Espinho v Farense
Penafiel v Belenenses
Boavista v Benfica
Sporting v FC Porto
Est Amadora v Leixoes
V Setubal v Beira Mar
Nacional v Sp Braga
Desp Chaves v Fafe

JANUARY 1
Nacional v Desp Chaves
V Setubal v Sp Braga
Est Amadora v Beira Mar
Sporting v Leixoes
Boavista v FC Porto
Penafiel v Benfica
Sp Espinho v Belenenses
V Gulmaraes v Farense
Portimonense v Maritimo
Acad Viseu v Fafe

JANUARY 15
Fafe v Nacional
Desp Chaves v V Setubal
Sp Braga v Est Amadora
Beira Mar v Sporting
Leixoes v Boavista
FC Porto v Penafiel
Benfica v Sp Espinho
Belenenses v V Gulmaraes
Farense v Portimonense
Maritimo v Acad Viseu

JANUARY 22
V Setubal v Nacional
Est Amadora v Desp Chaves
Sporting v Sp Braga
Boavista v Beira Mar
Penafiel v Leixoes
Sp Espinho v FC Porto
V Gulmaraes v Benfica
Portimonense v Belenenses
Farense v Acad Viseu
Maritimo v Fafe

JANUARY 29
Fafe v V Setubal
Nacional v Est Amadora
Desp Chaves v Sporting
Sp Braga v Boavista
Beira Mar v Penafiel
Leixoes v Sp Espinho
FC Porto v V Gulmaraes
Benfica v Portimonense
Belenenses v Acad Viseu
Farense v Maritimo

FEBRUARY 4
Est Amadora v V Setubal
Sporting v Nacional
Boavista v Desp Chaves
Penafiel v Sp Braga
Sp Espinho v Beira Mar
V Gulmaraes v Leixoes
Portimonense v FC Porto
Acad Viseu v Benfica
Maritimo v Belenenses
Farense v Fafe

FEBRUARY 7
Fafe v Est Amadora
V Setubal v Sporting
Nacional v Boavista
Desp Chaves v Penafiel
Sp Braga v Sp Espinho
Beira Mar v V Gulmaraes
Leixoes v Portimonense
FC Porto v Acad Viseu
Benfica v Maritimo
Belenenses v Farense

FEBRUARY 19
Sporting v Est Amadora
Boavista v V Setubal
Penafiel v Nacional
Sp Espinho v Desp Chaves
V Gulmaraes v Sp Braga
Portimonense v Beira Mar
Acad Viseu v Leixoes
Maritimo v FC Porto
Farense v Benfica
Belenenses v Fafe

FEBRUARY 26
Fafe v Sporting
Est Amadora v Boavista
V Setubal v Penafiel
Nacional v Sp Espinho
Desp Chaves v V Gulmaraes
Sp Braga v Portimonense
Beira Mar v Acad Viseu
Leixoes v Maritimo
FC Porto v Farense
Benfica v Belenenses

MARCH 5
Boavista v Sporting
Penafiel v Est Amadora
Sp Espinho v V Setubal
V Gulmaraes v Nacional
Portimonense v Desp Chaves
Acad Viseu v Sp Braga
Maritimo v Beira Mar
Farense v Leixoes
Belenenses v FC Porto
Benfica v Fafe

MARCH 12
Fafe v Boavista
Sporting v Penafiel
Est Amadora v Sp Espinho
V Setubal v V Gulmaraes
Nacional v Portimonense
Desp Chaves v Acad Viseu
Sp Braga v Maritimo
Beira Mar v Farense
Leixoes v Belenenses
FC Porto v Benfica

MARCH 19
Penafiel v Boavista
Sp Espinho v Sporting
V Gulmaraes v Est Amadora
Portimonense v V Setubal
Acad Viseu v Nacional
Maritimo v Desp Chaves
Farense v Sp Braga
Belenenses v Beira Mar
Benfica v Leixoes
FC Porto v Fafe

MARCH 25
Fafe v Penafiel
Boavista v Sp Espinho
Sporting v V Gulmaraes
Est Amadora v Portimonense
V Setubal v Acad Viseu
Nacional v Maritimo
Desp Chaves v Farense
Sp Braga v Belenenses
Beira Mar v Benfica
Leixoes v FC Porto

APRIL 2
SP Espinho v Penafiel
V Gulmaraes v Boavista
Portimonense v Sporting
Acad Viseu v Est Amadora
Maritimo v V Setubal
Farense v Nacional
Belenenses v Desp Chaves
Benfica v Sp Braga
FC Porto v Beira Mar
Leixoes v Fafe

APRIL 9
Fafe v Sp Espinho
Penafiel v V Gulmaraes
Boavista v Portimonense
Sporting v Acad Viseu
Est Amadora v Maritimo
V Setubal v Farense
Nacional v Belenenses
Desp Chaves v Benfica
Sp Braga v FC Porto
Beira Mar v Leixoes

APRIL 16
V Gulmaraes v Sp Espinho
Portimonense v Penafiel
Acad Viseu v Boavista
Maritimo v Sporting
Farense v Est Amadora
Belenenses v V Setubal
Benfica v Nacional
FC Porto v Desp Chaves
Leixoes v Sp Braga
Beira Mar v Fafe

APRIL 30
Fafe v V Gulmaraes
Sp Espinho v Portimonense
Penafiel v Acad Viseu
Boavista v Maritimo
Sporting v Farense
Est Amadora v Belenenses
V Setubal v Benfica
Nacional v FC Porto
Desp Chaves v Leixoes
Sp Braga v Beira Mar

MAY 7
Portimonense v V Gulmaraes
Acad Viseu v Sp Espinho
Maritimo v Penafiel
Farense v Boavista
Belenenses v Sporting
Benfica v Est Amadora
FC Porto v V Setubal
Leixoes v Nacional
Beira Mar v Desp Chaves
Sp Braga v Fafe

MAY 14
Portimonense v Fafe
V Gulmaraes v Acad Viseu
Sp Espinho v Maritimo
Penafiel v Farense
Boavista v Belenenses
Sporting v Benfica
Est Amadora v FC Porto
V Setubal v Leixoes
Nacional v Beira Mar
Desp Chaves v Sp Braga

MAY 21
Acad Viseu v Portimonense
Maritimo v V Gulmaraes
Farense v Sp Espinho
Belenenses v Penafiel
Benfica v Boavista
FC Porto v Sporting
Leixoes v Est Amadora
Beira Mar v V Setubal
Sp Braga v Nacional
Fafe v Desp Chaves

SWITZERLAND

OCTOBER 8/9
Aarau v Lugano
Bellinzona v Wettingen
GC v Lucerne
St. Gallen v Xamax
Sion v Lausanne
Young Boys v Servette

OCTOBER 12
Lausanne v Bellinzona
Lugano v St. Gallen
Lucerne v Young Boys
Xamax v Aarau
Servette v GC
Wettingen v Sion

OCTOBER 22/23
Aarau v Wettingen
Bellinzona v Lugano
GC v Lausanne
St. Gallen v Servette
Sion v Lucerne
Young Boys v Xamax

OCTOBER 29/30
Lausanne v Young Boys
Lugano v Sion
Lucerne v Bellinzona
Xamax v GC
Servette v Aarau
Wettingen v St. Gallen

NOVEMBER 6
Aarau v GC
Lausanne v Wettingen
Lugano v Lucerne
Servette v Xamax
Sion v Bellinzona
Young Boys v St. Gallen

NOVEMBER 20
Bellinzona v Young Boys
GC v Sion
Lucerne v Lausanne
Xamax v Lugano
St. Gallen v Aarau
Wettingen v Servette

NOVEMBER 27
GC v Bellinzona
Lugano v Lausanne
Servette v Lucerne
Sion v St. Gallen
Wettingen v Xamax
Young Boys v Aarau

DECEMBER 4
Aarau v Sion
Lausanne v Xamax
Lugano v Servette
Lucerne v Wettingen
St. Gallen v Bellinzona
Young Boys v GC

DECEMBER 11
Bellinzona v Aarau
GC v St. Gallen
Xamax v Lucerne
Servette v Lausanne
Sion v Young Boys
Wettingen v Lugano

TURKEY

OCTOBER 2
Karsiyaka v Sakarya
K Maras v Rizespor
Eskiseh v Malatya
Samsunspor v Sariyer
Besiktas v Boluspor
Adana Demirspor v Konyaspor
Ankaragucu v Adana
Galatasaray v Bursaspor
Trabzonspor v Fenerbhce
Free day: Altay

OCTOBER 9
Altay-K v Maras
Malatya v Karsiyaka
Rizespor v Samsunspor
Boluspor v Eskisehir
Sariyer v Adana Demirspor
Adana v Besiktas
Konyaspor v Galatasaray
Fenerbahce v Ankaragucu
Bursapor v Trabzonspor
Free day: Sakarya

OCTOBER 16
Sakarya v Malatya
Samsunspor v Altay
Karsiyaka v Boluspor
Adana Demirspor v Rizespor
Eskisehir v Adana
Galatasaray v Sariyer
Besiktas v Fenerbahce
Trabzonspor v Konyaspor
Ankaragucu v Bursaspor
Free day: K Maras

OCTOBER 23
K Maras v Samsunspor
Boluspor v Sakarya
Altay v Adana Demirspor
Adana v Karsiyaka
Rizespor v Galatasaray
Fenerbahce v Eskisehir
Sariyer v Trabzonspor
Bursaspor v Besiktas
Konyaspor v Ankaragucu
Free day: Malatya

OCTOBER 30
Malatya v Boluspor
Adana Demirspor v K Maras
Sakarya v Adana
Galatasaray v Altay
Karsiyaka v Fenerbahce
Trabzonspor v Rizespor
Eskisehir v Bursaspor
ANkaragucu v Suriyer
Besiktas v Konyaspor
Free day: Samsunspor

NOVEMBER 6
Samsunspor v Adana Demirspor
Adana v Malatya
K Maras v Galatasaray
Fenerbahce v Sakarya
Altay v Trabzonspor
Bursapor v Karsiyaka
Rizespor v Ankaragucu
Konyaspor v Eskisehir
Sariyer v Besiktas
Free day: Boluspor

NOVEMBER 13
Boluspor v Adana
Galatasaray v Samsunspor
Malatya v Fenerbahce
Trabzonspor v K Maras
Sakarya v Bursapor
Ankaragucu v Altay
Karsiyaka v Konyaspor
Besiktas v Rizespor
Eskisehir v Sariyer
Free day: Adana Demirspor

NOVEMBER 20
Adana Demirspor v Galatasaray
Fenerbahce v Boluspor
Samsunspor v Trabzonspor
Bursaspor v MAlatya
K Maras v Ankaragucu
Konyaspor v Sakatya
Altay v Besiktas
Sariyer v Karsiyaka
Rizespor v Eskisehir
Free day: Adana

NOVEMBER 27
Adana v Fenerbahce
Trabzonspor v Adana Demirspor

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Boluspor v Bursaspor
Ankaragucu v Samsunspor
Malatya v Konyaspor
Besiktas v K Maras
Sakarya v Sariyer
Eskisehir v Altay
Kariyaka v Rizespor
Free day: Galatasaray

DECEMBER 4
Galatasaray v Trabzonspor
Bursapor v Adana
Adana Demirspor v Ankaragucu
Konyaspor v Boluspor
Samsunspor v Besiktas
Sariyer v Malatya
K Maras v Eskisehir
Rizespor v Sakarya
Altay v Karsiyaka
Free day: Fenerbahce

DECEMBER 11
Fenerbahce v Bursaspor
Ankaragucu v Galatasaray
Adana v Konyaspor
Besiktas v Adana Demirspor
Boluspor v Sariyer
Eskisehir v Samsunspor
Malatya v Rizespor
Karsiyaka v K Maras
Sakarya v Altay
Free day: Trabzonspor

DECEMBER 18
Trabzonspor v Ankaragucu
Konyaspor v Fenerbahce
Galatasaray v Besiktas
Sariyer v Adana
Adana Demirspor v Eskisehir
Rizespor v Boluspor
Samsunspor v Karsiyaka
Altay v Malatya
K Maras v Sakarya
Free day: Bursapor

DECEMBER 25
Bursapor v Konyaspor
Besiktas v Trabzonspor
Fenerbahce v Sariyer
Eskisehir v Galatasaray
Adana v Rizespor
Karsiyaka v Adana Demirspor
Boluspor v Altay
Sakarya v Samsunspor
Malatya v K Maras
Free day: Ankaragucu

YUGOSLAVIA

OCTOBER 2
Napredak v Sloboda
Osijek v Dinamo
Buducnost v Hajduk
Vardar v Sarajevo
Rad v Partizan
Red Star v Vojvodina
Zeljeznicar v Celik
Velez v Radnicki
Rijeka v Spartak

OCTOBER 9
Sloboda v Spartak
Radnicki v Rijeka
Celik v Velez
Vojvodina v Zeljeznicar
Partizan v Red Star
Sarajevo v Rad
Hajduk v Vardar
Dinamo v Buducnost
Napredak v Osijek

OCTOBER 23
Osijek v Sloboda
Buducnost v Napredak
Vardar v Dinamo
Rad v Hajduk
Red Star v Sarajevo
Zeljeznicar v Partizan
Velez v Vojvodina
Rijeka v Celik
Spartak v Radnicki

OCTOBER 30
Sloboda v Radnicki
Celik v Spartak
Vojvodina v Rijeka
Partizan v Velez
Sarajevo v Zeljeznicar
Hajduk v Red Star
Dinamo v Rad
Napredak v Vardar
Osijek v Buducnost

NOVEMBER 6
Buducnost v Sloboda
Vardar v Osijek
Rad v Napredak
Red Star v Dinamo
Zeljeznicar v Hajduk
Velez v Sarajevo
Rijeka v Partizan
Spartak v Vojvodina
Radnicki v Celik

NOVEMBER 27
Sloboda v Celik
Vojvodina v Radnicki
Partizan v Spartak
Sarajevo v Rijeka
Hajduk v Velez
Dinamo v Zeljeznicar
Napredak v Red Star
Osijek v Radnicki
Buducnost v Vardar

DECEMBER 4
Vardar v Sloboda
Rad v Buducnost
Red Star v Osijek
Zaljeznicar v Napredak
Velez v Dinamo
Rijeka v Hajduk
Spartak v Sarajevo
Radnicki v Partizan
Celik v Vojvodina

DECEMBER 14
Sloboda v Vojvodina
Partizan v Celik
Sarajevo v Radnicki
Hajduk v Spartak
Dinamo v Rijeka
Napredak v Velez
Osijek v Zeljeznicar
Buducnost v Red Star
Vardar v Rad

DECEMBER 18
Rad v Sloboda
Red Star v Vardar
Zeljeznicar v Buducnost
Velez v Osijek
Rijeka v Napredak
Spartak v Dinamo
Radnicki v Hajduk
Celik v Sarajevo
Vojvodina v Partizan

Red Star's Dragan Stojkovic.

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Rolff was the only Hamburg player in the squad for the 1984 European finals, where he played in the goalless draw against Portugal and as substitute in the decisive 1-0 defeat by Spain. He was a member of the Hamburg team which beat Juventus 1-0 in Athens to win the 1983 Champions' Cup.

Thomas HÄSSLER. Midfield. Aged 22 (born May 30, 1966) with one cap. Köln. At 5ft 6 one of the smallest players in the Bundesliga. Made his debut in the recent 4-0 World Cup win over Finland in Helsinki — when he was one of five Köln players in Beckenbauer's line-up.

Frank MILL. Midfield/forward. Aged 31 (born July 23, 1957) with 13 caps. Borussia Dortmund. Very quick, busy attacker who has not had a lot of luck with injuries. Owed his place in the European finals squad to skipper Klaus Allofs's knee injury. When Beckenbauer named his squad, Mill had not played for the national team since appearing as a substitute for Voller two years earlier in a 3-1 win over Holland back in May, 1986, in Dortmund. Began with Eintracht Essen, moved as a teenager to neighbours Rot-Weiss, then came to national (and international) prominence with Borussia Mönchengladbach. Joined Dortmund two years ago.

Olaf THON. Midfield. Aged 22 (born May 1, 1966) with 28 caps. Bayern Munich — whom he joined from Schalke for a West German domestic record £1.4 million after the European finals. One of the most exciting prospects in European football. Thon joined Schalke in 1980 after spells with junior clubs Beckhausen 05 and STV Horst Emscher. First made West Germany sit up with a dramatic hat-trick in 6-6 extra-time draw (!) against Bayern Munich in the 1984 cup semi-finals (Schalke lost the replay 3-2). Made his international debut as a subtitute for Jakobs in the 3-2 World Cup win over Malta in Valletta in December, 1984. Was injured early in the Mexico World Cup campaign and was perhaps not quite the major star he was expected to be in the European finals. Decided to leave relegation-bound Schalke for Bayern despite offers from several Italian clubs as well as Atletico Madrid and Olympiakos of Greece. Settling in at Bayern proved a painful experience — he suffered a broken jaw in a collision with Michael Frontzeck in a 3-0 win over Borussia Monchengladbach.

Pierre LITTBARSKI. Midfield/winger. Aged 28 (born April 16, 1960) with 58 caps. Köln. Shot to intl prominence by hitting two goals on his debut in a World Cup qualifying tie against Austria in 1981. A skilful dribbler but erratic in form and never able to hold a national team place for long. Joined Köln in 1978 from Hertha Zehlendorf. Played in the 1982 and 1986 World Cup Finals but came close to missing his chances of a trip to Mexico when he suffered an ankle injury in one of the last games of the league season. Recovered in time to play against Real Madrid in the UEFA Cup final (which Köln lost 5-3 on agg) and then to sign for France's newly-promoted Racing Club of Paris after the World Cup. He could not settle in France and reurned to Köln in the autumn of 1987.

Rudi VÖLLER. Centre forward. Aged 28 (born April 13, 1960) with 54 caps. Roma (It). Moved to Italy from Werder Bremen just over a year ago and has been a controversial exile in Rome because of a series of injuries. When Völler flew back to West Germany for treatment without the club's permission this spring he was fined £2,000. But then, the West Germans all knew Völler was notoriously injury-prone — he missed much of the 1985-86 West German league campaign, while still with Werder Bremen, with thigh trouble. Völler returned right at the end of that season — just in time to see long-time league leaders Werder pipped to the title on the last day by Bayern Munich. Ironically it was in Munich that Völler began his rise to fame and Italian fortune. He played for TSV 1860 Munich and left them for Werder Bremen only in 1982. In his first season in Bremen he was league top scorer with 23 goals, Footballer of the Year and, for good measure, won his first cap as substitute for Matthäus against Northern Ireland. Disappointed, however, in the finals of the 1984 European championship and the 1986 World Cup — although Völler did score one of West Germany's two goals in their stirring comeback in the Final against Argentina. Völler returned to form in the recent European finals, scoring both goals in the 2-0 first round defeat of Spain in Munich. He maintained that style in the recent 4-0 World Cup in Finland when Voller scored two goals and made one.

Jurgen KLINSMANN. Striker. Aged 24 (born July 30, 1964) with nine caps. Stuttgart. West Germany's major success of the European championship finals and just acclaimed as Footballer of the Year. Klinsmann attributes his sudden improvement this year to the work he has undertaken with his brother, a promising sprinter, to improve his initial acceleration. Klinsmann made his national team debut in the 1-1 draw away to Brazil last December and was the league's top scorer this past season with 19 goals (the lowest-ever 'top' total in the Bundesliga). Joined Stuttgart in 1984, like several of his club and international team-mates, from neighbouring Stuttgart Kickers.

Karlheinz RIEDLE. Striker. Aged 23 (born September 16, 1965) with one cap. Werder Bremen. Scored on his West Germany debut when he collected goal No 4 in the recent World Cup victory over Finland in Helsinki.

FOUR FOREIGNERS PER TEAM

THE Mexican league decided in August — following a meeting lasting over five hours — to allow four foreign players (one more) per team to line up in the first division.

Twelve of the 20 clubs voted in favour of the measure which has been much criticised by the media as being a stab in the back for Mexican soccer.

Last season ended with 51 foreign players on the books of first division clubs — 16 Chileans, 10 Brazilians, eight Uruguayans, seven Argentines, six Paraguayans, two from Honduras and one each from El Salvador and Peru.

The courts ordered the arrest of Mexican junior selection coach, Francisco Avilan, assistant coach Gerardo Gallegos Caceres and four players from the team, Gerardo Jimenez, Jose de la Fuente, Jose Luis Mata and Aurelio Rivera on charges of falsifying identity documents to make the players appear younger and permit them to play in the CONCACAF junior championship earlier this year — for which FIFA later suspended Mexico from international competition for two years.

If found guilty they could be jailed for up to three years. Mata and Gallego Caceres were later freed on bail of 5,000 dollars each.

In Panama, the largest soccer crowd ever — 26,700 — saw Panama lose 2-0 to Costa Rica in a World Cup qualifying game which puts Costa Rica, who have never played in the World Cup finals, into a five-team round-robin tournament to decide the CONCACAF's two representatives in Italy in 1990. Costa Rica had drawn the first leg, at home, 1-1 against Panama.

Also qualified for the final round are the United States who beat Jamaica 5-1 in Fenton, Missouri, after drawing with them 0-0.

● HUGO GATTI, Boca Juniors' veteran goalkeeper, has completed 26 years service in the Argentina first division. He is 44 and the longest serving player in the league. He said he had not yet set a date for his retirement.

TRANSFERS: ROBERTO "GATO" FERNANDEZ, 31, Paraguayan international goalkeeper, from Cerro Porteño (Paraguay) to Talleres Córdoba (Argentina) on one-year loan . . . **OBDULIO TRASANTE,** Uruguayan international defender, from Peñarol (Uruguay) to Gremio (Brazil) . . . **JOSE LUIS CHILAVERT,** Paraguayan goalkeeper, from San Lorenzo (Argentina) to Zaragoza (Spain) for 500,000 dollars.

FABIAN BASUALDO, Argentine defender, from Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) to River Plate (Argentina) for 90,000 dollars . . . **ALEJANDRO BARBERON,** Argentine winger, from Independiente (Argentina) to Sporting Gijón (Spain) for 180,000 dollars . . . **JOSE PERDOMO,** Uruguayan international midfielder, from Peñarol (Uruguay) to Logrones (Spain), according to Peñarol club sources.

HUGO RUBIO, 28, Chilean international winger, from Colo Colo (Chile) to Bologna (Italy) for over a million dollars, part of which goes to his former club, Cobreloa (Chile) . . . **RUBEN "POLILLITA" DA SILVA,** 20, Uruguayan striker, from Danubio (Uruguay) to Lazio (Italy) for 1,200,000 dollars . . . **ABEL BALBO,** 21, Argentine striker, from Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) to Verona (Italy) for 1,100,000 dollars on three-year contract worth 900,000 dollars (plus a house and car), but will not be able to play for Verona in league matches unless they get rid of one of three foreigners.

Soccer in Iran is...

ALIVE AND WELL

says PAUL MOON

FEARS widely circulated immediately after the 1978-79 Islamic Revolution that all competitive soccer in Iran would be banned proved unfounded, but the momentum which swept a Shah — backed side to the 1978 World Cup finals has been well and truly lost.

The end of the Shah's reign also meant the termination of an ambitious and costly soccer development programme, a semi-professional national league and the import of foreign coaches.

Although the new regime declared payments for playing sport to be "UnIslamic" and condemned the Shah's eagerness to spend vast amounts of money on Iranian soccer as amongst his worst excesses, it made no attempt to curb the populace's enthusiasm for watching the game or their enjoyment of playing it at grass roots level.

Such was the turmoil created by the Revolution that virtually all domestic soccer activity ceased between 1979 and 1982, but during the last six years regional leagues have been revived, some old clubs re-constituted, new ones formed and a national competition for regional selections commenced.

Local

Today, most local interest revolves around Teheran's Hevdah-e-Sheihriveir League, which includes two prominent names from the old national league — Persepolis (the nations's most popular and successful club) and Pas. However, many of the other major clubs from 1979 have either been disbanded or reorganised and given new names.

The Shah's army club, Taj (meaning "Crown") was one of the first to have a name change imposed upon it. Today, it represents the Islamic Republic's armed forces, is known as Esteghlal and; just as the Taj v Persepolis games attracted 100,000 crowds in the 1970s, its clashes with Persepolis have assumed the status of "derby classics" and draw attendances of a similar size.

Other leading lights in the capital city's 18 strong first division include Daraiee, Gostaresh, Homa (backed by the national airline), Niroye Zaminie (a team drawn from ground forces personnel), Shahim, Bank Melli (representing the state bank's social and recreational club), Vahdant, Ekbatan, Boctan and Rah-Ahai (a railway workers' selection).

Pride

Below the first division are an 18 team second division and a third division of 48 teams divided into four sections.

Although Teheran clubs still monopolise the Iranian sporting media's attention and the national side is drawn almost exclusively from them, the capital city's pride has taken a battering in recent years.

The "Ghods Leek" Championship for regional selections commenced in 1985 and the initial tournament finished with Teheran "A" first and Teheran "B" runner up, but both the subsequent completed editions were won by the team representing Iran's second largest city, Isfaham.

To rub salt into the Teheran sides' wounds, they both finished behind Eastern Azerbaijan and Khouzestan in 1986 and Mozandarah in 1987.

The fact that talent in Iran is spread evenly throughout the country reflects a depth which few other Asian countries can match and has yet to be fully exploited.

Unfortunately, it didn't take the Islamic Republic's leaders long to harness soccer as a political tool.

Since 1980, Iran has not hesitated to withdraw from international tournaments if it believes that such an action would underline the regime's official viewpoint on any issue and, when the team does condescend to compete, it takes advantage of every opportunity for points scoring.

The 1984 Asian Cup Finals in Singapore provided the Iranians with an invaluable propaganda vehicle. No team photograph was taken without a framed photograph of Ayatollah Khomeini occupying a position in the forefront and threats to return home were continuously made over such "evils" as bikini clad women being permitted at the swimming pool of the hotel in which they were staying and the National Stadium's hoardings advertising liquor.

When actually playing football, Iran confirmed it remained a major force in Asia and was desperately unlucky only to finish fourth.

Generally, Iranians have a stronger physique than other Asiatic races and this; plus the nation's large population (compared with its Middle East neighbours), a soccer-playing tradition without equal in Asia and an efficient national administrative body, suggest that Iran has the potential to regain its position as top dog in the continent.

Once the powers in Teheran realise that winning tournaments will gain greater prestige than withdrawing from them, this potential has every chance of being fulfilled.

Iran's appearances on the international scene have been few and, at this particular time, it is not known to what extent the Gulf War has effected the national team's strength (unlike their Iraqi counterparts, Iran's leading players were not exempt from military duty).

The Islamic Republic's prospects for the 1990 World Cup qualifiers, therefore, can not be assessed with any confidence. But, doubtless, the powers that be in Teheran will already be musing upon the effect of Iran's presence at America's 1994 World Cup party!

EURO CUPS . . . EURO CUPS . . .

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no, Milla, Soler, Roberto, Eusebio, Beguiristain, Julio Salinas, Carrasco (Cristobal 83).

Glenavon 1 (McCann 17)
AGF Aarhus 4 (Mortensen 25, Pingel 52, 80, Reeber 67)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Constantin (Bel)

Glenavon: Beck — Dennison, Russell, McCann, Nyrne, Lowry, McConville, Ferris, Blackledge (Gardiner 50), McBride, Woodhead.

Aarhus: Rasmussen — Wachmann, B.Kristensen, Stampe, Reeber, Andersen, Donnerup, Morup (Beck 75), K.Kristensen, Mortensen, Pengel.

Grasshoppers 0
Eintracht Frankfurt 0
Att: 13,600. **Ref:** Smith (Sc). Played Sept 6 (in Basel).

Grasshoppers: Brunner — Imhof (Stiel 74), In-Albon, Egli, Bianchi — Gren, Andermatt, Sforza, Sutter — Cesar (Ugras 74), Rufer.

Frankfurt: Stein — Binz, *Sievers, Schlindwein — Roth, Hobday, Bakalorz, Ktrbel, Studer — Turowski, Andersen (Klepper 89). *Sievers sent off, 77min.

Inter Bratislava 2 (Moravec 44, Weiss 58pen)
CFKA Sredets 3 (Penev 36, 38pen, 78)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 4,144. **Ref:** Porumboiu (Rum)

Inter: Mentgel — Rehak, Bagin, Jurasko, Stranianek — Kopca, Weiss, Gajdos (Richter 68), Kramolis — Moravec, Lehnert (Luhovy 77).

CFKA: Valov — Bezinski, Dinitrov, Ivanov, Bachev — Vitanov, Kirov, Georgiev (Yanchev 65), Stoichkov — Kostadinov (Getov 78), Penev.

Mechelen 5 (E.Koeman 59, Bosman 61pen, 84, Den Boer 77, Ohana 88pen)
Avenir Beggen 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000.

Metz 1 (Zanon 86)
Anderlecht 3 Pfrunner og 1 Krncevic 26, 83)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 24,000. **Ref:** Sanchez Arminio (Sp)

Metz: Rodolphe — Romano, Gaillot, Cartier, Kastendeuch, Pfrunner (Denizart 72), Van der Elst (Krawczyk 80), Hinschberger, Relmy, Zanon, Micciche.

Anderlecht: Munaron — Van Tiggelen, Grun, Keshi, Andersen, Ukkonen, E.Koeman, Nilis (Vervoort 75), Gudjohnsen, De Groote, Krncevic.

Norrkoping 2 (Patrik Andersson 9, Jan Hellstrom 86)
Sampdoria 1 (Amedo Carboni 50)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Gunn (Eng)

Norrkoping: Johansson — Vaatovaara, Lonn, Almgren, Kalen, Fredheim, Lind, Djordijc (Weinstolpe 89), P.Andersson, Holter (Karlsson 74), Hellstrom.

Sampdoria: Pagliuca — Mannini (Lanna 12), Carboni, Pari, Vierchowod, L.Pellegrini, Bonomi, Cerezo, Vialli, Mancini, Dossena (Salsano

Omonia 0
Panathinaikos 1 (Mavrides 13)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 25,000.

Roda JC Kerkrade 2 (Groenendijk 6, Van Loen 87)
Vitoria Guimaraes 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Spillane (RI)

Roda: Nederburgh — Hanssen, Fraser, Boerebach, Trost — Subrijn, Blattler (Broeders 87), Diliberto (Groenendijk 46) — Van de Luer, Van Loen, Nollgen.

Vitoria: Neno — Nando, Germano, Nene, Vitor Santos (Silvinho 89) — Ndinga, Nascimento, Basilio, Soeiro — Rodao, Chiquinho (Ebongue 75).

Sakaryaspor 2 (Pesic 35, Yucel Colak 50)
Bekescsaba 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Kaim (Alb)

Sakaryaspor: Engin — Selcuk, Murat, Bierim, Ercol — Yuksel (Ilker 46), Pesic, Mustafa, Senol — Yucel, Kemal Yildirim.

Bekescsaba: Gulyas — Szenti, Csanolosi, Ottlakan, Gruborovics, Fabulya, Arky (Csernus 85), Csato, Horvath, Kvaszta (Pahoran 85), Szekeres.

UEFA CUP

First round, first legs — Sept 7 unless stated)

ACTION NOTES: JOHN MORTIMORE's new club, **BELENENSES,** are in superb form. Not only had they seized an early lead in the Portuguese league but they won 1-0 away to UEFA Cup holders **BAYER LEVERKUSEN . . .** Brazil's reluctant star Valdo scored his first goal in European competition in **BENFICA's** 3-0 win over Montpellier . . . Pashev of **TRAKIA** was sent off in the 2-1 home win over **MINSK.**

Aarau 0
Lok Leipzig 3 (Hobsch 67, 81, Marschall 85)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 6,500. **Ref:** Delmer (Fr)

Aarau: Btckli — Osterewalder — Schsr, Tschuppert, Kilian — Van der Gijp, Herberth (Opoku Nti 71), Meier, Kuhni (Barth 75) — Matthey, Knup.

Lok: Muller — Baum — Kracht, Lindner, Bredow — Leitzke, Scholz, Halata, Liebers — Marschall, Hobsch (Kuhn 82).

Aberdeen 0
Dynamo Dresden 0
Att: 14,500.

Aberdeen: Snelders — McKinnie, Robertson, Simpson, McLeish, Miller, Nicholas, Bett, Dodds, Connor, Hewitt.

Dresden: Teuber — Trautmann, Liebers, Diebitz, Dtschner, Sammer, Stubner, Pilz, Kirsten, Hauptman, Kirchner.

AEK Athens 1 (Pittas 24)
Bilbao 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 23,000. **Ref:** Valentine (Sc)

AEK: Ikonomopulos — Papaioannu, Kotulas, Manolas, Chantzis — Mavrodimus, Patikas, Pittas, Okonski — Nielsen (Vasilopulos 85), Savidis.

Bilbao: Biurrun — Lacabeg, Ferreira, Andrinua, Alcorta — Lizarrelade, Paco Salinas, Aguirre (Argote 6; Mendiguren 78), Luis Fernando, Garitano — Uralde.

Akranes 0
Ujpest Dozsa 0
Att: 1,000. **Ref:** Daly (RI). Played September 8.

Akranes: Gottskalsson — Hognasson, Gunnarsson, Duffield, S.Jonsson — K.Thordarsson, O.Thordarsson, Gislason, Gudmundsson — Viglundsson, Ingolfsson.

Ujpest: Brockhauser — Schneider, Varga, Szelpal — Vojtekovszki (Temesvari 89), Kozma, Kovacs, Balogh, Szabo — Schroth (Klink 85), Katona.

Ruud Gullit — vital away goal against Vitosha.

Antwerp 2 (Van Rooy 33, Goossens 43)
Koln 4 (Keim 3, T.Allofs 47, Povlsen 55, Jansson 87)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Halle (Nor). Played September 6.

Antwerp: de Coninck — Van Rethy — Taelmans (Geilenkirchen 70), Dekenne — Emmerechts, Lehnhoff, Van Rooy, Smidtz, Pister — Goossens, Claesen.

Koln: Illgner — Gielchen — Kohler, Keim — Janssen, Littbarski, Hassler (Sturm 88), Honerbach, Jensen — Povlsen (Engels 78), T.Allofs.

Bayer Leverkusen 0
Belenenses 1 (Mladenov 64)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 10,600. **Ref:** Werner (Pol)

Leverkusen: Vollborn — De Keyser — Cha, Rolff, Buncol, Horster (Wollitz 46), Hinterberger — Waas, Schreier, Lesniak — Tauber (Seckler 69).

Belenenses: Martins — Antonio — Sobrinho, Ribeiro, Chiquinho, Monteiro (Galo 69), Juanico — Teixeira, Adao, Ze Mario — Mladenov (Dudu 78).

Bayern Munich 3 (Wegmann 9, Thon 23, 60)
Legia Warsaw 1 (Iwanicki 57)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Hartmann (Hun)

Bayern: Aumann — Augenthaler — Nachtweih, Bayerschmidt (Eck 78) — Reuter, Grahammer (Johnsen 46), Thon, Flick — Wohlfarth, Wegmann, Kogl.

Legia: S.Robakiewicz — Kaczmarek — Kubicki, Gmur, Wdowczyk — Pisz, Dziekanowski (Buda 64), Terlecki, Iwanicki — Latka, R.Robakiewicz.

Besiktas 1 (Feyyaz 4)
Dinamo Zagreb 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,286. **Ref:** Savchenko (SU)

Besiktas: Zalad — Recep, Gokhan, Ulvi, Kadir — Senol (Sinan 46), Riza, Zeki, Mehmet — Ferdinand (Ali 35), Feyyaz.

Dinamo: Ladic — Cupan, Lesjak, Panadic, Pavlicic — Dimitrijevic (Prljevic 82), Skerjanc (Lamesic 78), Prskalo, Besek, Deveric, Agic.

Dnepr 1 (Liuti 49)
Bordeaux 1 (Roche 24)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 28,250. **Ref:** Midgley (Eng)

Dnepr: Gorodov — Bachkirov, Tishenko (Son 70), Sorokalet, Vishnevski, Kudritski, Bagmout, Cherednik, Liuti (Yevtushenko 74), Chokh, Chakhov.

Bordeaux: Dropsy — Thouvenel, Rohr, Senac, Roche — Tigana, Dewilder, Ferreri, Scifo — Stopyra, Allen (Thomas 71).

Groningen 1 (Groeleken 41)
Atletico Madrid 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 19,000. **Ref:** Nemeth (Hun)

Groningen: Storm — Koevermans — Riekerink, De Wolf — Koorman, Regtop (Beltman 70), Ten Caut (Sinkgraven 74), Van Dijk, Roossien — Groeleken, Meyer.

Atletico: Abel — Tomas, Luis Garcia, Sergio, Armando — Aguilera (Manolo 58), Parra, Marina, Carlos — Baltazar, Futre.

EURO CUPS . . . EURO CUPS . . .

Internazionale 2 (Diaz 44pen, Matteoli 89)
Brage 1 (Arnberg 64 pen)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Graciunescu (Rum)

Inter: Malgioglio — Bergomi, G.Baresi, Brehme, Ferri, Mandorlini, Bianchi (Rocco 80), Berti, Diaz, Matteoli, Ciocci (Morello 56).

Brage: B. Andersson — Nikolov, Arnberg, Englund, P. Granberg, Peritalo (Brcic 56), Hunt, Alatensio, Kjellstrom, Bergort (R.Nilsson 67), Hallman.

Malmo 2 (Dahlin 26, Kovatch og 80)
Torpedo Moscow 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 9,505.

Molde 0
Waregem 0
Att: 3,020. **Ref:** Stewart (NI)

Molde: Olsen — Sperre, Eikrem, Mtller, Stavrum, Renna (Hestad 80), Rekdal, Evensen (Wenaas 67), Berg, Flo, Neerland.

Waregem: Galje — Mauroo, De Kneef, De Sloover, Mertens, Decraeye, Niederbacher, Borkelmans, Van Baekel, Teppers (Morceau Lutonadio 76), Christiaens (Hinderyckx 88).

Montpellier 0
Benfica 3 (Hernani 9, Abel 44, Valdo 82) **HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Neuner (WG)

Montpellier: Rust — Baills, Lowitz, Julio Cesar, Lucchesi, Lemoult, Ferhaoui (Blanc 50), Valderrama, Bernardet, Cubaynes, Milla.

Benfica: Silvino — Veloso, Ricardo, Mozer, Alvaro — Hernani, Elzo, Pacheco (Chalana 77), Abel (Paneira 69), Valdo — Magnusson.

Napoli 1 (Maradona 58pen)
PAOK Salonika 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Schmidhuber (EG)

Napoli: Giuliani — Ferrara, Carannante, Fusi, Corradini, Renica, Crippa, De Napoli, Careca, Maradona, Romano (Giacchetti 77).

PAOK: Gitsioudis — Karageorgiu, Mavrias, Mitogiu, Maliufas, Lagonidis, Borbokis, Scartados, Small (Karasavidis 60), Fernando (Leonardiadis 72), Alexandridis.

Oesters Vaxjo 2 (Jan Jansson 72, Petaja 77)
Dunajska Streda 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,141. **Ref:** Horstedt (Den)

Oesters: T.Ravelli — Svensson, Westring, Europeaus, Petaja — Westenlund, Jesper Jansson, U.Jansson, Jan Jansson — Eklund, Frisk.

Streda: Vabata — Zsakovics, Liba, J.Medgyes, Fieber — Pavlik, Hodur, Kaspar, Takac — Soltes (Nagy 77), P.Medgyes (Simon 86).

Otelul Galati 1 (Profir 59pen)
Juventus 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Namoglu (Tur)

Otelul: Calugaru — Borli (Oprea 73), Anghelinei, G.Popescu, Stan, Agiu, Profir, Antohi, Ralea (Dragoi 56), Burcea, O.Popescu.

Juventus: Tacconi — Napoli, De Agostini, Bruno, Brio, Cabrini, Mauro, Rui Barros, Altobelli, Marocchi, Laudrup.

Partizan 5 (Batrovic 7, 29, V.Dukic 46, Vokrri 68, M.Dukic 89)

Slavia Sofia 0 HT: 2-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Donato Perez (Sp)

Partizan: Omerovic — Klincarski, Sredojevic, Milanic, Spasic, Brnovic, Batrovic, Milojevic, V.Duykis (M.Dukic), Vokrri (Scepovic), Vucicevic.

Slavia: Ananiev — Dimitrov, Haidarliev, Markov, Venkov (Mitev), Kostov, Boykov, Kakadeliev, Alexandrov, Simeonov, Mironov (Radev).

Rangers 1 (Walters 73)
GKS Katowice 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 41,120. **Ref:** Bouillet (Fr)

Rangers: Woods — Stevens, Brown, Gough, Wilkins, Butcher, Drinkell, I.Ferguson, Cooper, Durrant (D.Ferguson 31), Walters.

GKS: Jojko — Biegun, Piekarczyk, Kapias, Wijas, Nawrocki, Walczak (Rzezniczek 85), Rudy, Furtok, Marcinek (Lesiak 81), Kubisztal.

Real Sociedad 2 (Loinaz 38, 47)
Dukla Praha 1 (Bazant 39)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 21,000. **Ref:** Sandoz (Swz)

Sociedad: Arconada — Larrawaga, Aldalur, Gorriz — Baquero, Iturrino (Uria 46), Mujica, Zamora, Loren — Loinaz, Goicoechea (Zuwiga 46).

Dukla: Kostelnik — Bazant, Fitzel, Hucko, Schulz — Karoch, Foldyna (Lausman 88), Kriz, Nemec — Luhovy, Bittengel.

Roma 1 (Desideri 47 pen)
Nurnberg 2 (Sane 44, Eckstein 58)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Santos (Por)

Roma: Peruzzi — Tempestilli, Nela, Signorini, Collovati, Andrade, Renato (Rizzitelli 37), Manfredonia, Vtller, Desideri, Gerolin (Conti 46).

Nurnberg: Ktpke — Dusend, Kuhn, Giske, Dittmar, T.Brunner, Philipkoweki, Wagner (Heidenreich 87), Sane, Schwabl, Eckstein (Kristl 80).

St Patrick's Athletic 0
Hearts 2 (Foster 14 pen, Galloway 41)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** King (Wal)

St Patrick's: Henderson — Fleming, Kelch, McDonnell, D.Byrone, Gaffney, Fenlon, O'Driscoll, Moody (Meagan 80), P.Byrne (Reid 46), Ennis.

Hearts: Smith (McDermott 80)- Kidd, Berry, Whittacker, Black, McPherson, Colquhoun, Mackay, I.Ferguson, Galloway, Foster (Bannon 71).

Servette 1 (Grossenbacher 89)
Sturm Graz 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 9,800. **Ref:** Rossner (EG)

Servette: Kobel — Besnard — Hasler, Bamert, Schsllibaum — Grossenbacher, Favre — Sinval, Rummenigge, Eriksen (Fargeon 76), Bonvin.

Sturm: Konrad — Petrovic — Huberts, Schauss, Zellhofer, Feorer — Temm, Holzer, Turmer — Krsmer (Kogler 88), Koschak.

Sporting Lisbon 4 (Oceano 6, Paulinho Cascavel 21pen, Joao Luis 25, Litos 75pen)
Ajax Amsterdam 2 (Pettersson 18, 79)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Bridges (Wal)

Sporting: Rodriguez — Morato — Joao Luis, Venancio, Fernando Mendes — Oceano, Silas, Carlos Manuel, Litos — Forbs (Carlos Xavier 82), Paulinho Cascavel (Maside 58).

Ajax: Menzo — Larsson — Weroekker, Verlaat, Verkuyl — Bergkamp, Scholten, A.Muhren (Rob Witschge 61), Winter (Jonk 46), Van't Schip — Pettersson.

Sliema Wanderers 0
Victoria Bucharest 2 (Culcear 35, Solomon 59 pen)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,000. **Ref:** Vutsaras (Gr). Played Sept 4.

Sliema: Sciberras — Theuma, Farrugia, Navarro, Camilleri — Magri, Gregory (Zammit 61), Carvana, Taliana — Walker, Greck.

Victoria: Nitu — Balan, Zare, Mirea, D.Daniel — Cojocaru, Coras (Lais 65), C.Solomon — Tira, Culcear (Damaschin 70), Ursea.

Stuttgart 2 (Gaudino 49, Walter 58)
Latabanva 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,600. **Ref:** Perez Sanchez (Sp)

Stuttgart: Immel — Allgower — Schafer (Strehmel 46), Zietsch — Schutterle (Poschener 79), Katanec, Schroder, Hartmann, Sigurvinsson — Gaudino, Walter.

Tatabanya: Mazi — Vaczi — J.Vincze, Udvardi — P.Nagy, Jarfas, Csapo, Schmidt (Dobes 90), Szalma — Kiprich, Plotar.

Trakia Plovdiv 1 (Zaitsev 88pen)
Minsk Dynamo 2 (Kondratiev 44, Gotsmanov 80)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Liska (Cz)

TPs 0
Linfield 0
Att: 2,977.

Union Sportive Luxembourg 1 (Jeitz 3)
FC Liege 7 (Varga, 7, 33, Ernes 54, 59, de Sart 79, Houben 80, Boffin 83)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 2,700. Played September 6.

Velez Mostar 1 (Repak 32)
APOEL 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Azzopardi (Mal)

Velez: Petranovic — Hadziabdic, Sisic, Barbaric, Rahimic, Jedvaj, Kajtaz, Gudelj (Tufek), Repalk, Karabeg (S.Juric), Tuce.

APOEL: Petrides — Magnitis, Miamiliotis, Stavros, Pantzarias, Petrossian, Oven (Misos), Marangos (Kleanthous), Ioannou, Neokleous, Farrell.

Vienna 1 (Steinkogler 5)
Ikast 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,500. Played Sept 6.

Zhalgiris Vilnius 2 (Fridrikas 59, Baranauskas 78)
FK Austria 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 29,500.

PARAGUAY

First Division (2nd stage final standings Leading positions: 1) Olimpia 16 points; 2) Libertad 15; 3) Cerro Porteño 13.

VENEZUELA

Professional League final round (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Maritimo	14	12	1	1	25
Tachira	14	9	2	3	20
Caracas FC	14	8	1	5	17
Zamora	14	5	4	5	14
Lara	14	5	1	8	11
Margarita	14	3	3	8	9
Portuguesa	14	2	4	8	8
Mineros Guyana	14	3	2	9	8

HONDURAS

First Division Group A: Maratón 22 points; Olimpia 21; Victoria 20; Platense and Curazao 16.
Group B: Real España 27; Motagua and Vida 23; Sula 22; Universidad 16.

GUATEMALA

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Municipal	23	12	7	4	37	18	31
Bandegua	22	7	13	2	27	20	27
Juventud Retalteca	23	9	8	6	32	24	26
Comunicaciones	22	7	11	4	23	19	25
Galcasa	23	6	12	5	29	25	24
Aurora	22	6	11	5	29	21	23
Suchitepequez	22	7	9	6	24	25	23
Izabal	23	6	9	8	19	22	21
Xelaju	23	5	10	8	20	25	20
Chiquimulilla	23	5	10	8	29	40	20
Jalapa	23	3	10	10	14	27	16
Coban	23	4	8	11	18	33	16

CHILE

First Division 1) Deportes Concepción 10 points; 2) Cobreloa 9; 3) Cobresal 8; 4) Universidad de Chile, La Serena, Fernandez Vial 7; 7) Huachipato 6; 8) Everton, Universidad Catolica, O'Higgins, Deportes Iquique, Palestino 5; 13) Deportes Valdivia, Colo Colo, Naval 4; 16) Union Española 3.

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VIDEOS . . . BOOKS . . .

NO DOUBT millions of armchair fans stocked up with blank video tapes in readiness for the European championship finals. But there is one programmed video which goes well with those personal collections.

Road to Munich, from Virgin Video (details from Beer Davies, 363 Harrow Road, London W9 3NA; £9.99) is an hour-long preview of the finals. Ian St John narrates a Keir Radnedge script which deals with the finalist nations both in terms of individuals and how they qualified, with the best of the action from the preliminary rounds. There is also a pocket guide being included with the video although this was not available for review.

As with any such project injuries played some nasty tricks after the film was put together. But anyone creating a Euro 88 video library should include this introduction — complete with Franz Beckenbauer and Berni the Hare. Shortly there will also be an official film of the finals themselves.

Also catching up on the European theme is the **Budweiser Road to Europe**, a pictorial record from Ray McManus of how the Irish Republic made it to West Germany (Sportfile, 21 Great Denmark Street, Dublin 1; IR £3.95).

Turning to the European club scene, **One Afternoon in Lisbon**, by Kevin McCarra and Pat Woods (Mainstream Publishing, 7 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3UG; £5.95) records Celtic's 1967 Champions' Cup triumph.

With Celtic celebrating their centenary by a return to the most prestigious of the European competitions, there could hardly be a more appropriate time to wallow in the nostalgia of it all.

Not that this is the only Celtic publication around. There is also **Playing For Celtic No 20** (edited by Rodger Baillie; Stanley Paul, 62-65 Chandos Place, Covent Garden, London WC2N 4NW; £7.95) and **Celtic Greats** — a series of pen portraits by Hugh Keevins which might have been more appropriately entitled Celtic's Modern Greats since Bobby Evans and Charlie Tully are the only gestures towards anything or anyone pre-1967 (John Donald, 138 St Stephen Street, Edinburgh EH3 5AA; £5.95).

On the subject of nostalgia and Scotland, there is an evocation of Real Madrid's legendary Hampden triumph over Eintracht Frankfurt in 1960, in the first edition of **The Footballer**, a soccer statistics and history magazine.

Further editions of this publication (Nos 2 and 3 are now available) and cover such diverse subjects as Scotland's Wembley Wizards, the change in the offside law and the career and times of Tom Finney (Further details: 72 St Peter's Avenue, Cleethorpes, DN35 8HU; each edition price £2.95).

On the more formal side are three new publications to note. One is, in fact, a revised version of **Soccer Laws Illustrated**, Stan Lover's clear and concise explanation of what a referee is really supposed to be up to out on the pitch in the local park or Wembley Stadium (Pelham Books, 27 Wrights Lane, London W8 5TZ; £7.95).

Also from Pelham is **The Handbook of Soccer**, by Don Howe and Brian Scovell with a foreword by Bryan Robson. With 213 pages of text and illustration the jacket note seems a little overstated in describing the book as "the most complete work ever published on the national game."

But in terms, at least, of preparation, technique and tactics this is an excellent practical guide for anyone growing up in the game.

A different aspect of the modern game is dealt with in **The Sports Business** by Neil Wilson (Piatkus Books, 5 Windmill Street, London W1P 1HF; £12.95).

As the title suggests, the subject is the modern commercialisation of sport. Wilson looks at sport in general, taking a major personality in each area — competitor, agent, manager, promoter, sponsor, etc — and explores the development of commercial influence in sport.

Anyone who wishes to gain a greater understanding of this controversial area — and a guided tour on the commercial exploitation of the World Cup and its overall context — will find this book a fascination.

All of which brings us to the annuals, part of the interest among them generated by the transfer market now existing among the specialist editors.

Jack Rollin, after transferring a few years from Rothmans to launch the Telegraph-sponsored yearbook, is now back with Rothmans — and Peter Dunk, who took Rollin's place with Rothmans has transferred to launch the new Panini yearbook. Meanwhile Albert Sewell remains a loyal one-club man with the News of the World Football Annual.

The Rothmans Football Yearbook (Queen Anne Press, Greater London House, Hampstead Road, London NW1 7QX; £10.95) remains the bible of the game, and appears even heavier not only in content but in weight.

One imagines that at some point the publishers are going to have to cut back on text to maintain a comptetive price. For the time being, Rothmans is out on its own.

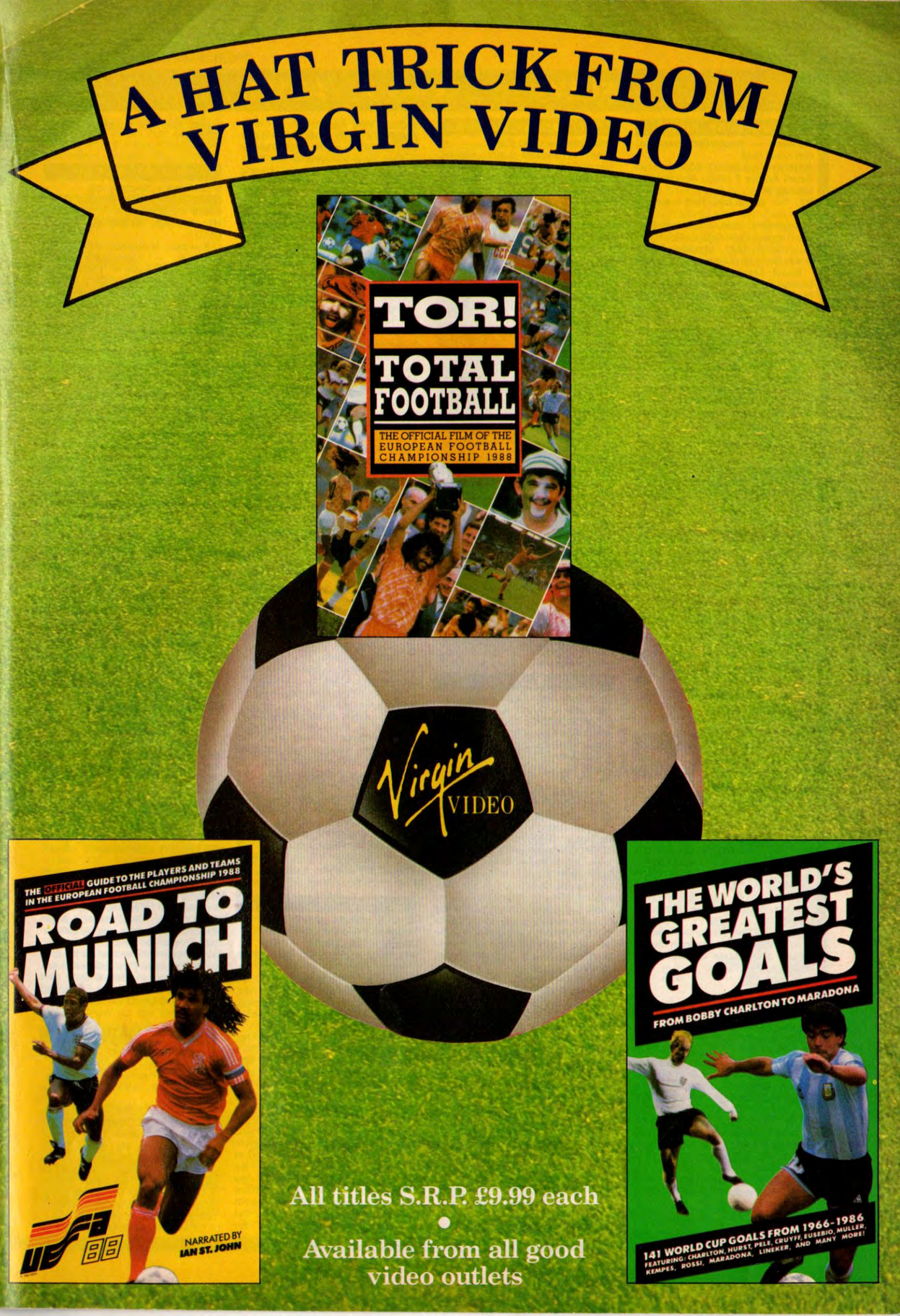
As for Panini, the review copy is apparently a victim of the postal strike so a considered opinion will have to wait. The problem they may have is establishing a British handbook when the company name is so strongly associated with kids' sticker books.

One other handbook around is the official **Football League Yearbook** (Facer Publishing, 7 Colleton Crescent, Exeter EX2 4DG; £7.95).

This covers every club in terms of all match details last season plus how-to-get-there maps and each club's individual fixture list for the current campaign.

The News of the World Annual (Invincible Press, 16 Golden Square, London W1; £2.75) is now into into its 102nd year and remains an exemplary pocket guide to suit both fan and expert (just count the number in use in the Press box).

If what you want, however, is a guide to help fill in your pools coupon then the **Racing and Football Outlook Football Annual** is the one for you (Webster's Publications, 29th Floor, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS; £1.60).



CLASSIFIED RESULTS . . . LEAGUE TABLES . . .

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Adelaide — Australian Bicentennial Gold Cup
Argentina 2 (Diaz 27, 50pen)
Saudi Arabia 2 (Majid Abdullah 41, Diaz og 65)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 9,664. **Ref:** Harwood (A)

Argentina: Islas — Lorenzo, Lucca, Ruggeri, Fabbri (Cuciuffo), Cabrera, Giusti, Diaz, Lanzidei, Rodriguez, Dertycia (Aquino).

Saudi Arabia: Diayye — Saadbreak, Zaki, Jameel, Abduljawad, Mutlak, Hireifi, Moseibih, Suweid (Jaze), Moheissin (Omar), Majid Abdullah.

PELE kicked off the tournament for a match in which World Cup-holders Argentina made the mistake of underestimating their opponents. Hernan Diaz was hero and villain — scoring twice for Argentina but also putting the Saudis temporarily ahead early in the second half with an own goal.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

Melbourne — Gold Cup
Australia 0
Brazil 1 (Romario 31)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 11,214. **Ref:** Lorenc (A)

Australia: Olver — Savor, Yankos, Dunn, Jennings, Davidson (Bozinovski 73), Wade, Crino, Kosmina (Slater 73), Arnold, Farina.

Brazil: Taffarel — Jorginho, Aloisio, Ricardo II (of Fluminense), Nelsinho — Ademir (Milton 85), Valdo, Geovani, Careca II (Edu II 62) — Romario, Muller.

AUSSIE boss Frank Arok called playing Brazil "a dream come true," but it was a dream rudely interrupted when Romario breached the Aussie offside trap to score the only goal.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Sydney — Gold Cup
Australia 3 (Ollerenshaw 6, Farina 40, 82)
Saudi Arabia 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 11,396. **Ref:** Monteverde (A)

Australia: Olver — Savor, Jennings, Yankos, Dunn, Wade, Davidson, Crino, Farina (Bozinovski 82), Arnold (Slater 71), Ollerenshaw.

Saudi Arabia: Diayye — Saadbreak, Zaki, Jameel, Abduljawad, Mutlak, Hireifi, Moseibih (Omar), Suweid, Majid Abdullah, Moheissin (Jaze).

A CONVINCING win for the Aussies, who needed victory to stay in the title chase and whose all-action style unsettled the Saudis.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Melbourne — Gold Cup
Brazil 0
Argentina 0
Att: 13,850. **Ref:** Campbell (A)

Brazil: Taffarel — Luis Carlos, Aloisio, Ricardo II, Jorginho — Ademir, Valdo, Geovani, Careca II (Milton 46) — Romario (Edmar 80), Muller.

Argentina: Islas — Batista, Cabrera (Dertycia 81), Diaz, Garre, Giusti, Lorenzo, Lucca, Rodriguez, Ruggeri, Siviski (Lanzidei 52).

A NIGGLY goalless draw was much less than the Aussie fans had been promised by this first full international meeting of Brazil and Argentina in four years.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Melbourne — Gold Cup
Brazil 4 (Geovani 9 and 48pens, Jorginho 30, Edmar 40)
Saudi Arabia 1 (Majid Abdullah 65)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 3,200. **Ref:** Bambridge (A)

Brazil: Taffarel (Ze Carlos 68) — Luis Carlos, Aloisio, Ricardo II, Jorginho — Ademir (Andrade 46), Valdo, Geovani, Edu II — Romario, Edmar.

Saudi Arabia: Diayye — Saadbreak, Zaki, Jameel, Abduljawad, Mutlak, Hireifi, Mouseibih (Omar 61), Suwaid (Tyuneyan 71), Majid Abdullah, Moheissin.

BRAZIL turned on the magic to assure their place in the final — at the expense of a Saudi team coached by a former Brazil boss, Carlos Alberto Parreira. The Saudis' consolation was another goal headed in by the so-called 'Pele of the Desert', Majid Abdullah.

New Britain — intl friendly
United States 0
Poland 2 (Kosecki 44 and 53)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,213.

USA: Duback — Windischmann, Krumpe, Trittschuh (Armstrong 68), Doyle — Murray (Banks 68), Stollmeyer, Bliss — Gabarra, Klopas, Vermes.

Poland: Wandzik — Kubicki (R.Warzycha 68), Bendkowski, Lukasik, Wdowczyk (Cisek 73) — Rudy, Tarasiewicz (K.Warzycha 46), Urban, Prusik — Furtok (Ziober 68), Kosecki.

ROMAN KOSECKI'S finishing proved too sharp for an American team preparing for the challange of the Olympic Games in Seoul.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

Sydney — Gold Cup
Australia 4 (Wade 4, Yankos 43, 67pen, Bozinovski 79)
Argentina 1 (Ruggeri 31)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 18,985. **Ref:** Power (A)

Australia: Olver — Davidson, Savor, Jennings, Dunn, Yankos, Bozinovski, Wade, Farina, Ollerenshaw, Arnold.

Argentina: Islas — Lorenzo, Batista (Monzon 86), Garre, Lucca, Ruggeri, Cabrera (Dertycia 62), Diaz, Rodriguez, Simeone, Aquino.

A SHOCK result which made headlines around the world and ensured the Aussies — who had needed only a draw — their place in the final against Brazil. Argentina played some fine football in the middle of the first half and deserved their equaliser. But later their defensive discipline let them down and their game dissolved in an angry rash of reckless tackling.

First round	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Australia	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Argentina	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Saudi Arabia	3	0	1	2	3	9	1

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Toronto — friendly intl
Canada 1 (Concina 72)
Poland 2 (Rudy 59, Tarasiewicz 63)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 9,113. **Ref:** Mauro (US)

Canada: Forrest — Sarantopoulos, Concina, McCallum, Sweeney — Hooper, Pignatiello, Falzon — Ianiero (Fitzgerald), Mitchell, DeFlorio (DeSantis).

Poland: Wandzik — Kubicki, Lukasik (Tarasiewicz), Bendkowski, Wdowczyk (Cisek), K.Warzycha, Urban, Prusik, Kosecki (R.Warzycha), Rudy, Furtok.

ANDRZEJ RUDY celebrated his official(!) record domestic Polish transfer — from Slask Wroclaw to GKS Katowice for £70,000 — with the opening goal of Poland's victory in Toronto.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Canberra — Gold Cup third place match
Argentina 2 (Simeone 4, Dertycia 29)
Saudi Arabia 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 2,729. **Ref:** Power (A)

Argentina: Islas — Lorenzo, Lucca, Ruggeri, Cabreera (Lanzidei 64), Simeone, Giusti, Monzon, Diaz, Siviski (Rodriguez 82), Dertycia.

Saudi Arabia: Marwan — Bander, Zaki, Jameel, Abduljawad, Mutlak, Moseibih (Sabayani 34), Omar (Bargan 73), Thuneyan, Majid Abdullah, Khalid. Marwan sent off after 34 minutes.

ARGENTINA were already 2-0 up and coasting when Saudi keeper Marwan, the oldest player in the tournament, was sent off for kicking out at Lucca. The Saudis immediately substituted Moseibih with the squad's No 3 keeper, Sabayani.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Sydney — Gold Cup final
Australia 0
Brazil 2 (Romario 56, Muller 65)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 28,161. **Ref:** Campbell (A)

Australia: Olver — Savor (Bozinovski 72), Dunn, Yankos, Jennings, Crino, Wade, Davidson, Farina (Slater 72), Arnold, Ollerenshaw.

Brazil: Taffarel — Jorginho,* Aloisio, Ricardo II, Nelsinho — Muller, Geovani, Edmar (Luis Carlos 65), Romario, Valdo, Andrade. *Jorginho sent off, 62 minutes.

BRAZIL, back at full strength with Nelsinho fit, deservedly won match and tournament. Muller made the first goal for Romario, then accepted a pass from the centre forward to make it 2-0. In between the goals there was a four-minute free-for-all after Jorginho had been sent off in the 62nd minute for a rugby tackle which brought down Scott Ollerenshaw when clear through. Police had to come onto the pitch at the new Sydney Football Stadium, to help restore peace.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Oslo — friendly intl
Norway 1 (Fjortoft 49)
Brazil 1 (Edmar 81)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 23,044. **Ref:** Smith (Scot)

Norway: Thorstvedt — Soler, Bratseth, Johnsen, Halle, Osvold, Loken (Bachke 81), Brandhaug, Sundby, Sorloth, Fjortoft (Fjaerestad 73).

Brazil: Taffarel — Jorginho, Aloisio, Ricardo II, Nelsinho (Luis Carlos 84) — Andrade, Geovani (Milton 70), Edu II (Careca II 46), Valdo — Edmar, Romario.

NORWAY played their best match in years for debutant manager Ingvar Stadheim — despite the enforced absences of Giske, Kojedal and Andersen. Brazil showed their technical ability but rarely threatened to break through the host defence. Four minutes into the second half Jan Age Fjortoft scored his first international goal, then Goran Sorloth shot against a post. As time went on, so the Brazilians grew stronger and deserved their late equaliser through Edmar.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Stockholm — friendly intl
Sweden 1 (Hellstrom 85)
Brazil 1 (Jorginho 27)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 33,630. **Ref:** Pauly (WG)

Sweden: Andersson (Bengt Nilsson 46) — Vaattovaara, Lonn, Arnberg, R.Nilsson — Thern, Engqvist, Rehn (Palmer 75), J.Nilsson (Hellstrom 62) — Dahlin, B.Nilsson.

Brazil: Taffarel — Jorginho, Aloisio, Ricardo II, Nelsinho — Valdo, Andrade, Careca II (Milton 66), Geovani — Edmar, Romario.

ANOTHER of those matches which fall uncertainly between categories. Was this a full international or an Olympic teams' friendly? The Brazilians will count it as a full international, particularly since they had been hoping to use one or two of their European-based players who have World Cup experience and thus are denied an Olympic place. However this was most definitely the Swedes' Olympic team. Brazil made the better impression early on and deserved their lead through fullback Jorginho. Sweden pulled themselves together after half-time, saw Peter Lonn miss a 70th-minute penalty only for Jan Hellstrom — who had been the subject of the penalty foul — to make amends himself with an equaliser five minutes from the end after a goalmouth scramble. Hellstrom might have won the game in the 88th minute but after forcing his path through the Brazilian defence he shot straight at Taffarel.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Vienna — friendly intl
Austria 0
Brazil 2 (Edmar 59, Andrade 87)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 45,000.

Austria: Lindenberger (Wohlfarht 89) — Weber, Russ, Pecl (Schottel 82), Pfeffer, Willfurth, Zsak, Artner (Stoger 46), Baumeister (Polster 57), Ogris, Pacult (Madlener 82).

Brazil: Taffarel — Jorginho, Batista, Andre Cruz, Nelsinho — Geovani (Ademir 78), Valdo, Andrade, Careca II (Milton 85) — Romario, Edmar (Aloisio 67). *Batista sent off, 67 mins.

BRAZIL rested Benfica-bound Olympic skipper Ricardo but his deputy, Batista, had an unhappy evening. He was sent off for fouling Pacult in the 67th minute. The Brazilians made their now-customary, cynical tantrum but proved too much for the Austrians even with ten men. At the time of the expulsion they had been leading through an Edmar goal and Roma-bound Andrade grabbed another just before the end.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Vaasa — friendly intl
Finland 1 (Myyry 73)
Bulgaria 1 (Pashev 68)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Nordby (Nor)

Finland: Laukanen — Hanikainen, Lahtinen, Europeus, Petaja, Alatensio (Rantanen 52), Tornvall, Holmgren (Lius 46), Myyry, Patelainen (Lipponen 88), Hjelm.

Bulgaria: Valov — Dochev (Kiriakov 65), N.Iliev, Vasev, Rakov, T.Ivanov, Iskrenov (Alexandrov 46), Sadkov, Penev (Kirov 65), Yordanov, Stoichkov (Pashev 46).

A DRAW was a satisfactory result for the Bulgarians at the start of a three-match Nordic tour and considering that the Finns were more than halfway through their domestic season and thus fully match-fit.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Berat — friendly intl
Albania 0
Cuba 0
Att: 4,000.

Albania: Mersini (Shkurti 46) — Zmijani, Hodja, Gega, Jera — Josa, Demollari, Millo (Taho 46) — Kushta, Minga, Kola.

Cuba: Argujes — Placido, Delgado, Caro, Rodriguez — Isaac, Medero, Balero, Black (Sainz 75) — Aroro, Reeve.

IT'S rare for Albania to play any full internationals outside competition so this match against the touring Cubans was especially notable and useful for manager Rreli. Albania might have won but Minga hit the bar in the 84th minute.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Reykjavik — intl friendly
Iceland 2 (Ormslev 6 and 17)
Bulgaria 3 (Yordanov 38, Penev 60, Alexandrov 89)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,000.

Bulgaria: Valov — Dochev (Kiriakov 46), Iliev, Vasev, Rakov, T.Ivanov (Kirov 46), Iskrenov (Pashev 46), Sadkov, Penev, Yordanov, Stoichkov (Alexandrov 85).

A DISAPPOINTING result for both teams, whose failings in defence were shown up even though neither attack played particularly well. Bulgaria battled back to win after conceding two goals inside the first 17 minutes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

Oslo — friendly intl
Norway 1 (Sorloth 2)
Bulgaria 1 (Stoichkov 57)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7,510. **Ref:** Karlsson (Swe)

Norway: Thorstvedt — Halle, Johnsen, Bratseth, Giske, Osvold, Brandhaug, J.I.Jakobsen (Fjortoft 80), Andersen, Sundby (Loken 49), Sorloth.

Bulgaria: Valov — Nikolov, Rakov, Kiriakov, Iliev, Kirov (Trifon Ivanov 46), Pashev (Vassev 77), Sadkov, Penev (Alexandrov 60), Yordanov, Iskrenov (Stoichkov 18).

ANOTHER good performance by Norway in their World Cup preparations in what was their 500th full international — albeit that includes Olympic matches. Goran Sorloth scored his first goal for his country in only the second minute. But early in the second half the Norwegian defence fell apart, failed to clear effectively and when Erland Johnsen failed to cut out the through ball, there was substitute Stoichkov to equalise. Of those 500 matches, Norway had thus won 147, drawn 106 and lost 247 — goals for 725, goals against 1,046.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Turku — intl friendly
Finland 0
Soviet Union 0
Att: 7,000. Ref: Damgard (Den)

Finland: Laukanen — Hannikainen, Holmgren, Petaja, Pekkonen, Myyry, Alatensio (Altonen 70), Rantanen, Lahtinen, Europeus, Lius.

Soviet Union: Chanov — Besonov, Aleinikov, Kuznetsov, Demianenko — Rats, Mikhailichenko, Rodionov (Zigmantovich 60), Zavarov, Protasov (Gotsmanov 60), Belanov.

THE European championship runners-up were comfortably in control for most of the match but found the Finns, playing a full international in Turku for the first time in 16 years, resolute and quick in defence. The best chance, however, was wasted by Finland's Alatensio. He delayed his shot too long, however, and Chanov dived at his feet to smother the ball.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Luzern — intl friendly
Switzerland 0
Yugoslavia 2 (Mihajlovic 65, Djukic 81)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,500. **Ref:** Lartigot (Fr)

Switzerland: Corminboeuf — Geiger — Tschuppert, Weber, Mottiez — Andermatt (Zuffi 80), Hermann, Bickel (Schallibaum 73) — B.Sutter, Turkyilmaz, Bonvin (Zwicker 46).

Yugoslavia: Lekovic — Hadzibegic — Stanojkovic, Spasic, Brnovic (Milosevic 46) — Stojkovic, Katanec, Bazdarevic — Djukic (Barbaric 86), Mihajlovic (Savevski 82), Tuce.

YUGOSLAVIA might have gone home with an even clearer victory against a poor Swiss side whose midfield men looked like strangers to each other and whose sweeper, Alain Geiger, had possibly his worst game for his country. Perhaps Geiger was suffering as a result of the poor start made to the season by his new French club, Saint-Etienne. Fortunately Joel Corminboeuf was at his best in goal. In the last minute Beat Sutter headed against the Yugoslav bar but a goal then would have given a totally misleading picture of the match.

Paris — intl friendly
France 1 (Paille 52)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Daniek 81)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000.

France: Bats — Sonor, Casoni, Kastendeuch, Amoros — Despeyroux, Sauzee, Passi (Vercruysse 66), Pardo — Paille, Papin.

Czechoslovakia: Stejskal — Bielik, Kadlec, Chovanec, Vlk — Hasek, Bilek, Hyravy, Nemecek — Griga (Bittengel 77), Luhovy (Daniek 66).

FRANCE struggled to continue their 1988 unbeaten run in their only warm-up before the World Cup opener against Norway. Henri Michel's team contained nine players with fewer than ten caps apiece and they were jeered off the pitch at half-time after the Czechs missed several first-half chances. France took the lead in the 52nd minute when Stephan Paille headed home a cross from Sylvan Kastendeuch. But Czechoslovakia, well marshalled by Chovanec, deservedly equalised through substitute Jan Daniek, who turned in a Vlk cross from close range.

Bialystok — intl friendly
Poland 3 (Ivanov og 6, Furtok 67, Rudy 82)
Bulgaria 2 (Stoichkov 86, Penev 88)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Kovacs (Hun)

Poland: Wandzik — Prusik, Wojcicki, Lukasik, Wdowczyk (Cisek 68) — K.Warzycha (Krol 83), Rudy, Matysik (Ziober 67), Urban — Kosecki (Tarasiewicz 46), Furtok.

Bulgaria: Mikhailov (Valov 58) — Kiriakov, Dochev, Rakov, Vasev — Yordanov, Sadkov (Alexandrov 62), T.Ivanov, Getov (Kirov 37) — Iskrenov (Stoichkov 46), Penev.

A DISASTROUS outing for Bulgaria — opening the scoring for the Poles with an own goal by Ivanov and then disguising the gap between the teams by snatching two goals in the last four minutes.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

Reykjavik — WC Euro gp 3
Iceland 1 (Gretarsson 11)
Soviet Union 1 (Litovchenko 75)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,300. **Ref:** Snoddy (NI)

Iceland: Sigurdsson — Bergsson, Saevar Jonsson, A.Edvaldsson, Thordarsson — Gislason, Ormslev, Siggi Jonsson, Sigurvinsson, Gudjohnsen — Gretarsson (Torfasson 82).

Soviet Union: Dasayev — Bessonov (Dobrovolsky 65), Khidiatulin, Kuznetsov, Demianenko — Aleinikov, Litovchenko, Zavarov, Rats — Protasov, Mikhailichenko.

THE Soviet Union, European runners-up in West Germany, had an uncomfortable time setting their World Cup qualifying group under way. It took a late equaliser from Gennadi Litvchenko to save the day. Kuznetsov in place of Belanov was the only change from the Soviet team beaten by Holland in Munich. But their defence looked fragile early on. Dasayev twice saved the day from Sigurdur Gretarsson. But in the 11th minute, when Khidiatulin misjudged an Ormslev cross, Gretarsson shot home. It was not until after the Soviets brought on Igor Dobrovolsky, star of their Seoul-bound Olympic team, that their attack began to function properly. When Iceland keeper Bjarni Sigurdsson misjudged a right-wing centre, Litovchenko moved in to equalise. Sigurdsson made amends in the 80th and 84th minutes with fine stops from Protasov.

Helsinki — WC Euro gp 4
Finland 0
West Germany 4 (Voller 6 and 15, Mattheus 52, Riedle 86)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 31,693 **Ref:** Zhuk (SU)

Finland: Laukkanen — Europaeus — Hannikainen (Lipponen 43), Lahtinen, Petaja — Myyry, Pekonen, Ukkonen (Alatensio 62), Hjelm — Rantanen, Patelainen.

West Germany: Illgner — Brehme, Gortz, Kohler, Fach, Buchwald (Rolff 26), Littbarski, Hsssler, Voller, Mattheus, Eckstein (Riedle 75).

THIS was much more like the old West Germany, playing better — according to some experts — than at any time during the European championship. That must have been a clear warning to spies from Wales planning to try to cope with the West Germans in the World Cup shortly. Rudi Voller opened the scoring after only six minutes as he chipped in after a long pass from skipper Matthaeus. Nine minutes later and it was Voller again, deftly nodding a hard Armin Gortz cross inside the post. Voller had a role to play in the third goal as well. He chased Illgner's long clearance, beat a defender in the air and thus opened the way for Matthaeus to collect No 3. Werder Bremen's Karl-Heinz Riedle, appearing as a late substitute for Dieter Eckstein, , wrapped it up with goal No 4. Finland were unlucky when Jari Rantanen hit a post after 80 minutes.

Linz — intl friendly
Austria 0
Hungary 0
Att: 12,000. **Ref:** Karlsson (Swe)

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Austria: Wohlfahrt (Konsel 46) — Russ, Pacult (Glatzmayer 46), Pfeffer, H.Weber, Zsak (Madlener 85), Ogris, Artner, Polster, Baumeister (Kern 46), Willfurth.

Hungary: P.Disztl — Sallai, Antal Nagy, Sass (Szalma 66), Kozma, Roth, Kiprich, Garaba, Dajka (Erwin Kovacs 46), Bognar, Vincze (Hajszan 57).

IN May Austria won 4-0 away to Hungary in Budapest to prompt the resignations of the Hungarian federation president, the national team director and the national team coach. For Hungary, at least, the bonus from that upheaval and the managerial return of Gyorgy Mezey, was a goalless draw against the old rivals back in Linz. A poor game plumbed the depths when Toni Polster missed a 69th-minute penalty after he had been brought down.

Stockholm intl friendly
Sweden 1 (Pettersson 81)
Denmark 2 (Elstrup 29 and 64)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,528. **Ref:** Palsi (Fin)

Sweden: T.Ravelli — R.Nilsson, Hysen, Larsson, Schiller (Ljung 46) — Thern, Stromberg, Prytz (J.Nilsson 69) — Holmqvist, Eskilsson (Coe 46), Pettersson.

Denmark: Schmeichel — L.Olsen, Sivebaek, K.Nielsen, J.Hansen — Vilfort, Helt, Jensen, Bartram — Elstrup (Jorgensen 77), Povlsen.

THERE was a surprise in store for England manager Bobby Robson. Instead of World Cup rivals Sweden hinting at fatigue, both mental and physical, it was the supposed hasbeens of Denmark who took over with debut striker Lars Elstrup scoring both the goals which condemned Sweden to their first defeat after six successive victories. Danish experts suggested this was perhaps their best display since the 6-1 thrashing of Uruguay in the 1986 World Cup finals. In the 29th minute Denmark went ahead when Elstrup converted a right-wing cross from Flemming Povlsen. Elstrup made it 2-0 in the 64th minute after a through ball from Jan Bartram split the Swedish defence. Sweden's consolation goal was headed home by Ajax striker Stefan Pettersson nine minutes from time. Sweden's manager, Olle Nordin, admitted: "Denmark could have won by two or three clear goals and the result would not have flattered them."

East Berlin — intl friendly
East Germany 1 (Sammer 24)
Greece 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Lipcevich (Pol)

E.Germany: Vaislhof — Kreer, Stahmann, Lindner, Doschner, Staimann, Stubner, Raab (Rohde 76), Kirsten, Sammer (Doll 71), Thom.

Greece: Talikriadis — Georganlis, Kolomitrusis, Taluchidis, Mavridis, Kanaras, Saravakos, Bonovas, Anastopulos (Timitriadis 83), Mitropulos (Karapialis 81), Kofidis.

EAST GERMANY deserved victory if only because they had more of the game and looked more dangerous than the Greeks, for whom both Anastopulos and Saravakos looked surprisingly ineffective — short, no doubt, of competitive match practice since the Greek domestic season had yet to get under way. Sammer scored the only goal in the 24th minute though new Footballer of the Year Andreas Thom was unlucky to see his shot rebound from Talikriadis's left-hand post five minutes into the second half.

OTHER MATCHES

July 17 (Los Angeles): UNAM 0, Poland 4.

Aug 2: Vitosha 4, Bulgaria XI 2.

Aug 18: Iceland 0, Sweden Oly.XI 1.

Aug 24: Czechoslovakia U21 0, France U21 0.

Aug 30 (Los Angeles): Brazil Oly. XI 1, Argentina Oly. XI 1 (4-1 pens).

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL CUP

(Inter-toto tournament)
Final Tables

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Malmo	6	4	1	1	1	1	4
K-M Stadt...	6	4	0	2	8	7	8
Hannover	6	2	0	4	1	9	4
Den Haag	6	1	1	4	7	16	3

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IFK Go'burg...	6	3	2	1	10	7	8
S Olomouc	6	3	1	2	10	10	7
Slavia Sofia	6	2	1	3	8	9	5
Aarau.....	6	1	2	3	7	9	4

Group 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Banik Ostrava	6	4	0	2	12	11	8
Orgryte	6	2	3	1	13	9	7
Brondby	6	2	2	2	10	10	6
Chemie Halle	6	1	1	4	5	10	3

Group 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vienna.....	6	3	1	2	11	14	7
RH Cheb	6	2	2	2	11	6	6
Vejle.....	6	1	4	1	6	6	6
Tatabanya	6	1	3	2	7	8	5

Group 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Young Boys...	6	4	0	2	16	9	8
Duna Streda	6	2	1	2	12	8	7
Norrkoping	6	2	1	3	8	13	5
Haladas	6	1	2	3	6	12	4

Group 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kaiserslautern	6	4	1	1	15	8	9
A. Wacker	6	2	3	1	12	7	7
Luzern	6	3	1	2	11	10	7
LKS Lodz	6	0	1	5	9	22	1

Group 7	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ikast.....	6	5	1	0	20	2	11
Sturm Graz....	6	2	3	1	13	10	7
B Jerusalem	6	1	2	3	8	16	4
Sh Tel-Aviv ...	6	0	2	4	3	16	2

Group 8	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
C Z Jena.....	6	3	1	2	8	11	7
Rad Beograd	6	3	0	3	11	7	6
Aarhus.....	6	2	2	2	10	9	6
FC Tirol.....	6	2	1	3	10	12	5

Group 9	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grasshoppers	6	4	2	0	2	2	10
Pecs	6	2	1	3	6	6	5
P Szczecin	6	1	3	2	3	4	5
Osters Vaxjo...	6	1	2	3	5	10	4

Group 10	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Karlsruhe	6	3	1	2	13	7	7
Vojvodina.....	6	3	1	2	11	7	7
MTK/VM.....	6	2	2	2	5	9	6
Grazer AK	6	1	2	3	5	11	4

Group 11	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
B Uerdingen	6	5	1	0	11	4	11
OB.....	6	3	1	2	16	10	7
Magdeburg ...	6	2	0	4	9	15	4
AZ'67 Alk	6	1	0	5	10	17	2

BALKAN CUP

Final: Slavia Sofia (Bul) bt Arges Pitesti (Rum) 5-0, 1-0 (6-0 on agg).

SUMMER TOURNAMENTS

Amsterdam. — Sampdoria 5, Benfica 1; Ajax 0, Flamengo 1; Flamengo 2, Benfica 0; Ajax 0, Sampdoria 3. Winners: Sampdoria.

Barcelona (Ciudad). — Espanol 0, Real Madrid 1.

Barcelona/Joan Gamper. — Barcelona 2, Penarol 1; Steaua Bucharest 1, PSV Eindhoven 1. 3rd place: Penarol 3, PSV Eindhoven 3. Final: Barcelona 3, Steaua Bucharest 1.

Bern. — Everton 2, Cruzeiro 1; Young Boys 1, Torino 2. 3rd place: Young Boys 2, Cruzeiro 1. Final: Torino 2, Everton 2 (4-3pens).

Bogota. — Millionarios 2, Uruguay 1; Colombia 2, Santa Fe 0.

Bratislava/Slovak. — 3rd place: Las Palmas 3, Slovan 1. Final: TSKA Moscow 2, Dukla Banska Bystrica 0.

Brugge. — 3rd place: Steaua Bucharest 3, Bilbao 2. Final: Anderlecht 3, Brugge 1.

Budapest/MTK. — Ferencvaros 2, FK Austria 0; MTK/VM 1, Wiener SC 0. 3rd place: FK Austria 3, Wiener SC 2. Final: MTK 2, Ferencvaros 1.

Cadiz/Carranza. — Atletico Madrid 1, Penarol 1 (3-2 pens); Cadiz 1, Vasco da Gama 2. 3rd place: Cadiz 3, Penarol 0. Final: Vasco 2, Atletico Madrid 1.

East Rutherford, New Jersey/ Marlboro Cup. — Final: Sporting Cristal 4, Barcelona (Ecuador) 0.

Gijon/Costa Verde. — Gijon 2, Valencia 1.

La Coruna/Teresa Herrera. — Atletico Madrid 5, Liverpool 1; Real Sociedad 1, PSV Eindhoven 2. 3rd place: Real Sociedad 0, Liverpool 4. Final: PSV 3, Atletico Madrid 1.

Los Angeles/Naciones. — 3rd place: Argentina Oly.XI 0, El Salvador Oly.XI 0. Final: Brazil Oly.XI 3, America FC (Mex) 0.

Madrid/Santiago Bernabeu,— Real Madrid 0, Milan 3.

Pescara. — Koln 2, Roma 1; Pescara 3, Nottingham Forest 4. 3rd place: Roma 1, Pescara 3. Final: Koln 2, Nottm Forest 0.

Rotterdam. — Feyenoord 2, Aberdeen 1; Antwerp 2, Real Madrid 2; Feyenoord 3, Real Madrid 3. Winners: Feyenoord.

Salonika. — Stuttgart 3, Iraklis 2; Olympiakos 3, Torino 2. 3rd place: Iraklis 1, Torino 1 (4-3 pens). Final: Stuttgart 1, Olympiakos 0.

Sofia/Asparoukhov. — Dynamo Berlin 2, Zaragoza 0; Vitosha 1, Dinamo Bucharest 1 (5-4pens). 3rd place: Zaragoza 1, Dinamo Bucharest 1 (5-3pens). Final: Vitosha 3, Dynamo Berlin 1.

Valencia/Naranja. — Valencia 2, Vasco da Gama 0; Porto 0, Vasco da Gama 0; Valencia 2, Porto 0. Winners: Valencia.

Viareggio. — 3rd place: Ajax 3, Celtic 1. Final: Porto 1, Mechelen 0.

Vigo. — Celta 1, Boca Juniors 0; Botafogo 0, Boca 0; Celta 2, Botafogo 1. Winners: Celta.

Wembley. — Arsenal 4, Tottenham 0; Bayern Munich 0, Milan 1; Tottenham 1, Milan 2; Arsenal 3, Bayern 0. Winners: Arsenal.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA WORLD CUP qualifying — CONCACAF zone

Group 2 — July 31
Panama 0
Costa Rica 2 (Cayasso, Medford)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 26,000.

COSTA RICA qualified 3-1 on aggregate in this second leg for a five-team final round from which the zone's two World Cup finals representatives will emerge. Costa Rica, who had not beaten Panama on their own ground since 1938 and have never played in World Cup finals, had the advantage of a first-minute lead when Cayasso surprised the Panama goalkeeper with a 30-metre shot. Panama fought back for the equaliser, but were stopped by a tight Costa Rica defence.

INTERNATIONAL

August 7
Colombia 2 (Iguaran, Redin)
Uruguay 1 (Herrera)
HT: 0-0.

WITH this victory, Colombia won the four-team "Ciudad de Bogotá" tournament used as preparation for next year's World Cup qualifying matches against Ecuador and Peru. Colombian club teams Millionarios and Independiente Santa Fe, both of Bogotá, were second and third respectively while the Uruguayan selection finished bottom.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Libertadores Cup)

Group 1 — July 28
Union Dep Tachira (Venezuela) 0
Universidad Catolica (Chile) 1 (Perez)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Jorge Orellana. **Att:** 25,000.

Tachira: Francovig, Pacheco (Jaimes), Genovesse, Paz, Becerra, Cuesta, Nieto, Mendez, Maldonado (Bachini), Pajurek, Gonzalez.

Univ. Catolica: Cornez, Espinoza, Yoma, Vilchez, Martinez, Lepe, Mardones, Olmos (Estay), Perez, Hurtado, Tupper (Romero).

TACHIRA dominated the action in the first half, but were well held by Universidad who played 4-4-2 and had a lot of men in midfield. Tachira missed several chances, but their players became nervous after Universidad took the lead.

July 31
Maritimo (Venezuela) 0
Universidad Catolica (Chile) 0
Ref: Alfredo Rodas (Ecuador).

Maritimo: Nikolac, Isea, Maldonado, Rivas (Rojas), Lopez, Rizzi, San Vicente, Febles (Marquez), Victorino, Edilberto, Bebeto.

Univ. Catolica: Cornez, Espinoza, Yoma, Vilchez, Martinez, Lepe, Mardones, Olmos, Perez, Hurtado, Tupper (Estay).

UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA controlled play in the first half and were dangerous especially up the wings through Perez and Tupper. In the second half the Chilean team appeared to play for an away point and fell back although coming close to opening the score with several counter-attacks.

August 2
Maritimo (Venezuela) 0
Colo Colo (Chile) 1 (Ormeño)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Arnaldo Gomez (Colombia).

MARITIMO dominated most of the match, but their forwards were well marked and they had to play the second half with 10 men — Carrero was sent off soon after the start — and the last 20 minutes were with nine men (Rizzi sent off).

August 5
Union Dep Tachira (Venezuela) 0
Colo Colo (Chile) 1 (Dabrosky)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** José Torres (Colombia). **Att:** 10,000.

Tachira: Francovig, Pacheco, Genovese, Paz, Arroyo (Bachini), Nieto, Cuesta, Jaimes, Mendez (Becerra), Pajurek, Gonzalez.

Colo Colo: Moron, Garrido, Gonzalez, Rojas, Hormazabal, Pizarro, Soto, Montenegro, J. Gutierrez, Dabrowsky (Bello), Ormeño.

IN a closely fought match in which Tachira were playing their last chance, Colo Colo were the better until they scored after 30 minutes. Then Colo Colo were forced to defend their lead and had a lot to thank their goalkeeper, Moron, for. The Chileans showed more experience.

EURO RESULTS . . . LEAGUE TABLES . . .

August 11
Colo Colo (Chile) 2 (Rojas, Pizarro pen)
Universidad Catolica (Chile) 2 (Vilches, Olmos)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Gaston Castro (Chile).

Colo Colo: Moron, Garrido, Rojas, Gonzalez, Hormazabal (Montenegro), Ormeño, Pizarro, Soto, Jauregui, Gutierrez, Dabrowski.

Univ. Catolica: Cornez, Espinoza, Vilches, Yoma, Martinez, Lepe, Mardones, Perez (Tudor), Olmos (Abarca), Tupper, Hurtado.

IN an exciting match, Universidad dominated more in the first half, but had to strengthen their defence to hold on to a point towards the end.

Maritimo (Venezuela) 1 (Marquez)
Union Dep Tachira (Venezuela) 1 (Cuesta)
HT: 1-0.

August 16
Universidad Catolica (Chile) 2 (Soto, Hurtado)
Maritimo (Venezuela) 1 (Marquez)
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Armando Aliaga (Bolivia).

Universidad Catolica: Diaz, Espinoza, Yoma, Vilches, Soto (Olivares), Lepe, Mardones, Perez, Olmos (Tudor), Hurtado, Tupper.

Maritimo: Nicolak, Icea, Maldonado, Goncalves (Rivas), Rojas, Rizzi, Lopez, Carrero, Victorino, Febles (Gamboa), Marquez.

UNIVERSIDAD, who qualified for the next round with this win, were well on top in the first half, but could not get past the Maritimo defence and goalkeeper Nicolak. But it was not so easy in the second half and although the Chileans went ahead after only five minutes they could not get their winner until Maritimo were left with 10 men through the sending off of Icea 16 minutes from the end. Maritimo also might have deserved a penalty when their recent import, former Uruguayan international Victorino, was brought down in the area.

August 19
Colo Colo (Chile) 1 (Pizarro pen)
Maritimo (Venezuela) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Luis Barrancos (Bolivia). **Att:** 5,000.

Colo Colo: Moron, Garrido, Rojas, Gonzalez, Hormazabal, Pizarro, Soto (Rodriguez), Jauregui, Ormeño, Dabrowski, J. Gutierrez (E. Gutierrez).

Maritimo: Nicolak, Rivas, Maldonado, Goncalvez (Vera), Rojas, Rizzi, Lopez, Carrero, Victorino, Marquez (Gamboa), Febles.

COLO COLO qualified for the second round, but had to fight for this victory although Maritimo were without their two Brazilians, Bebeto and Edilberto, who refused to play after being left on the reserves bench in the previous match. Nevertheless, Colo Colo did not take too many risks and found Maritimo goalkeeper Nicolak in great form.

Group 1 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univ Catolica (Chile)	5	3	2	0	6	3	8
Colo Colo (Chile).....	5	3	1	1	5	3	7
Maritimo (Ven).....	6	0	3	3	2	5	3
Tachira (Venezuela)	4	0	2	2	1	3	2

Group 2 — July 28
San Lorenzo (Argentina) 2 (Giunta, Ferreyra)
Barcelona (Ecuador) 1 (Izquierdo)
HT: 2-1. **Ref:** Juan Escobar (Paraguay).

San Lorenzo: Pogany, Malvarez, Marchi, Coloccini, Riquelme, Rofourcat, Giunta, Madelon, Ortega Sanchez, Tedini, Ferreyra.

Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, Quinteros, Quiñonez, Alcivar, Ordoñez, Toninho Viera, Vazquez, Jimenez, Taverna, Carlos Henrique.

BARCELONA surprised San Lorenzo with Izquierdo's long distance shot after only two minutes and then fell back to defend their lead, but after nine minutes they were left with 10 men when defender Quiñonez was sent off for kicking an opponent. Giunta equalised two minutes later and San Lorenzo were leading 2-1 at the break. In the second half San Lorenzo defended their slender lead and allowed Barcelona only one real chance.

July 29
Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) 1 (Theiler)
Filanbanco (Ecuador) 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Gabriel Maretinez.

Newell's OB: Scoponi, Basualdo, Theiler, Pautasso, Sensini, Martino, Llop, Rossi, Alfaro, Balbo, Almiron.

Filanbanco: Cevallos, F. Bravo, Valencia, Vite, Capurro, D. Bravo, Carrion, Marcias, Hurtado, Cuvi, Muñoz.

NEWELL'S were on top from the start, but lacked danger in attack against a strong defence in a poor match. Filanbanco were relying on counter-attack with only one man up, but Newell's fell away in the last half hour of the match and Filanbanco attacked more although they lacked forwards to create real danger.

August 1
Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) 3 (Pautasso, Rossi 2, one pen)
Barcelona (Ecuador) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Jose Martinez Bazan (Uruguay).

Newell's OB: Scoponi, Sensini, Theiler, Pautasso, Fullana, Llop, Martino (Basualdo), Alfaro, Rossi, Balbo (Sen), Almiron.

Barcelona: Morales, Izquierdo, Noriega, Montanero, Alcibar, Vazquez, Toninho Viera, Adilio, Ordoñez (Gavica), Jimenez (Klinger), Carlos Henrique.

NEWELL'S played their best game in the tournament to qualify for the second round although after taking a three-minute lead they had to wait for the last four minutes to score two more. Earlier they had however missed other chances as they were clearly on top.

August 2
San Lorenzo (Argentina) 2 (Ahmed, Ferreyra)
Filanbanco (Ecuador) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Juan Cardellino (Uruguay).

San Lorenzo: Pogany, Malvarez, Marchi, Coloccini, Riquelme, Rifourcat, Giunta, Ortega Sanchez, Tedini (Ahmed), Ferreyra, A. Acosta (L. Villarreal).

Filanbanco: Cevallos, F. Bravo, Valencia, Vite, Capurro, Marcias, Hurtado, Cuvi, D. Bravo (Muñoz), Carrion, Floril.

SAN LORENZO qualified for the second round with this win, but if Barcelona had managed to draw they would have qualified instead. San Lorenzo had a penalty saved after only three minutes and went ahead on the stroke of half-time. They dominated the second half against 10 men — Floril was sent off just before the break — but Filanbanco goalkeeper Cevallos was superb and only let through a Ferreyra header nine minutes from the end.

Group 2 final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newell's OB (Arg)....	6	2	4	0	5	1	8
San Lorenzo (Arg)....	6	3	2	1	6	4	8
Barcelona (Ecuador)	6	3	1	2	9	8	7
Filanbanco (Ec).....	6	0	1	5	5	12	1

August 7 (play-off)
Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) 1 (Ramos)
San Lorenzo (Argentina) 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Juan C. Loustau (Argentina).

Newell's OB: Scoponi, Basualdo, Theiler, Pautasso, Fullana (Sen), Martino, Llop, Sensini, Rossi, Ramos, Almiron.

San Lorenzo: Pogany, Riquelme, Marchi, Coloccini, Gugnali, Madelon, Giunta, Rifourcat, Villarreal (Ahmed), Acosta, Ferreyra.

ACCORDING to the new rules of the tournament the top two teams, although both qualified for the second round, had to play off to decide first and second place so as to be slotted into the second round draw which had already been prearranged. It was hard fought but there were few goal chances partly due to good defensive play and partly because several forwards had an off day. San Lorenzo had the better of it for the first 20 minutes, but this changed when Martino took over midfield control for Newell's. San Lorenzo pressed again for the equaliser after Ramos scored the only goal 30 minutes from the end.

August 9
Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia) 1 (Amodeo)
Bolivar (Bolivia) 3 (Hirano 2, Borja)
HT: 0-1. **Ref:** Elias Jacome (Ecuador). **Att:** 25,000.

Oriente Petrolero: Trucco, Roca, Amodeo, Bruneto, Saldias, Medrano, Avila (Antelo), Romero, Celio, Chena, Garcia.

Bolivar: Ludueña, Ibañez, Ferrufino, Angeletti, Arias, Borja, Lopez, Soria, Takeo, Urruti, Hirano.

BOTH teams, going out for goals, produced a good match and gave plenty of work to the goalkeepers, Trucco and Ludueña, who shone. Bolivar produced most danger with counter-attacks and were overall the better team.

August 10
Olimpia (Paraguay) 1 (Robson pen)
Cerro Porteño 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Juan C. Loustau (Argentina).

Olimpia: Almeida, Mino, Benitez, Villazan, Krausemann, Guash, Robson, Sanabria, Villalba, Amarilla, Mendoza (Bobadilla).

Cerro Porteño: Navarro, Rivarola, Zabala, Zuca, Jacquet, Garay, Garcia (Mendes), Riveros, Tarciso (Perez), Britez, Struway.

OLIMPIA were on top for most of the game and the goalposts saved Cerro on numerous occasions. Only in the final minute Olimpia were awarded a penalty for hands by Jacquet which Brazilian midfielder Robson slotted home to retain Olimpia's chance of qualifying for the second round.

August 16
Cerro Porteño (Paraguay) 1 (Tarciso)
Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia) 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Ernesto Filippi (Uruguay). **Att:** 18,000.

Cerro Porteño: Navarro, Suca, Zabala, Garay, Jacquet, Mendez, Sotelo (Perez), Garcia, Rivarola (Tarciso), Britez, Struway.

Oriente Petrolero: Trucco, Monasterio, Bruneto, Alba, Saldias, Rueda, Amodeo, Medrano, Romero (Valverde), Antelo (Garcia), Da Silva.

THIS time it was Cerro Porteño's turn to get a last-minute goal to keep their chances alive and it was also a Brazilian, Tarciso who scored with virtually the last shot of the game after a nervous Paraguayan team missed numerous chances and made Oriente goalkeeper Trucco the star of the game. Cerro missed midfielder Riveros (ill) as Oriente had more command of the midfield.

August 19
Olimpia (Paraguay) 1 (Amarilla)
Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia) 2 (Da Silva)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Luis Larrosa (Uruguay). **Att:** 30,000.

Olimpia: Almeida, Mino, Benitez, Villazan, Kruasemann (Portela), Chilavert, Guasch, Robson, Sanabria, Amarilla, Mendoza.

Oriente Petrolero: Trucco, Monasterio, Alba (Roca), Brunetto, Saldias, Romero (Rueda), Medrano, Amodeo, Alves, Da Silva, Antelo.

ORIENTE Petrolero fought back in the second half after being outplayed and outscored (1-0) in the first period. Olimpia seemed to tire in the second half when they also had few attacking ideas. The victory put the Bolivian team into the second round.

Group 4 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oriente Petrol (Bol)	6	3	1	2	8	8	7
Bolivar (Bolivia).....	4	3	0	1	8	3	6
Cerro Porteño (Par)	5	1	2	2	3	5	4
Olimpia (Paraguay)	5	1	1	3	2	5	3

Leading scorers in group: 3 — Cuvi (Filanbanco), Ferreyra (San Lorenzo); 2 — Izquierdo (Barcelona), Jimenez (Barcelona).

Group 3 — July 26
Millionarios (Colombia) 3 (Iguaran 2, Juarez)
Wanderers (Uruguay) 0
HT: 2-0. **Ref:** Carlos Montalban (Peru). **Att:** 4,000.

Millionarios: Franco, Gamero, Cuesta, Conde, Galeano, Diaz (Sanguinetti), Vanemerack, Bernal, Iguaran, Juarez, Estrada.

Wanderers: Otero, Gonzalez, Rebolo, Delgado, Diaz, Carballo, Berger, Cabanillas, Baez, Di Pascua, Acosta.

THIS match was of no importance as both teams had already been eliminated from the competition.

July 29
Millionarios (Colombia) 6 (Iguaran 2, Juarez, Vanemerak 2, one pen, Lasarte og)
Nacional (Uruguay) 1 (Vargas)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000.

ANOTHER match of no importance with Millionarios already out and Nacional having qualified for the second round. A strange result and a disappointing match for the big crowd as a slow Nacional, lacking ideas in attack, did not seem to be trying, especially in the second half. Leading scorer Iguaran scored twice, but was sent off just before the end for punching an opponent, Revelez, who was also sent off for fouling him.

America (Colombia) 0
Nacional (Uruguay) 0
Att: 24,000.

America: Zape, Soto, Valencia, Ampudia, Espinosa, Coll, Santin, Battaglia, De Avila (Noe), Gareca (Ortiz), Guerrero.

Nacional: Sere, Gomez, Saravia, Lazarte, Saldana, Cardavco, Moran,

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Ostaliza, Vargas (Lopez), Castro, De Lima.
AMERICA retained first place in their group with this draw, but they tried harder than their rivals who had also already qualified for the second round before this final match. As a result the best man on the field was Nacional goalkeeper Sere, but Zape also showed up well in America's goal.

Group 3 final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
America (Colombia)	6	4	1	1	8	6	9
Nacional (Uruguay)	6	3	2	1	8	7	8
Millionarios (Col)....	6	2	0	4	14	12	4
Wanderers (Uruguay)	6	1	1	4	3	8	3

Leading group 3 goalscorers: 6 — Iguaran (Millionarios); 3 — Juarez (Millionarios), Battaglia (America).

Group 4 — July 26
Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia) 2 (Alves, Zabala)
Cerro Porteño (Paraguay) 2 (Suca, Britez)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Enrique Marin (Chile). **Att:** 23,000.

Oriente Petrolero: Trucco, Roca, Brunetto, Amodeo, Saldias, Medrano (Garcia), Avila, Romero, Alves, Antelo (Da Silva), Chena.

Cerro Porteño: Navarro, Suca, Rivarola, Zabala, Jacquet, Rivero, Garay, Garcia, Tarciso (Perez), Britez, Lopez (Sotelo).
ORIENTE controlled the action for the first 30 minutes, but then Cerro gradually fought back and got on top. Although Oriente led 1-0 at the break, they fell behind and only equalised five minutes from the end. It was a fair result however.

July 29
Bolivar (Bolivia) 2 (Ramallo 2)
Cerro Porteño (Paraguay) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Sergio Vasquez (Chile). **Att:** 40,000.

Bolivar: Ludueña, Ibañez, Angeletti, Soria, Arias, Borja, Takeo (Cuevas), Lopez, Urruti, Ramallo, Hirano.

Cerro Porteño: Navarro, Barrios, Zabala, Cristaldo, Jacquet, Garay, Suca, Riveros, Garcia, Lopez (Perez), Britez (Struway).
CERRO Porteño defended for most of the match with seven or eight men even after Bolivar took a 13-minute lead with some doubt remaining whether Cerro captain Zabala put it through his own goal or not.

Group 5 — August 3
Alianza Lima (Peru) 0
Universitario (Peru) 2 (Solar, Briceño) — suspended after 55 minutes.
HT: 0-2. **Ref:** Cesar Pagano (Peru). **Att:** 40,000.

Alianza Lima: Letelier, Gonzalez, Earl, Vinces, Espino, Vasquez, Valencia, Reyna, Pinto, Reyes, Garcia.

Universitario: Chavez Riva, Rojas, Requeña, Del Solar, Trece, Carranza, Suarez, L. Reyna, Rey Muñoz, Briceño, Torrealva.
THE 212th clash in official matches between the two big Lima rivals ended after 55 minutes when due to apparent injuries of goalkeeper Letelier and striker La Rosa (who left the field) Alianza were left with six men and thus unable to carry on. Earlier three Alianza players had been sent off — Espino, Vasquez and Valencia — the first having to be taken off by police as he did not want to leave. It appeared that Alianza coach Moises Barack ordered Letelier and La Rosa to feign injury as an excuse to take the whole team off to avoid losing by a big score against their traditional rivals. Universitario dominated from the start and the match soon became rough. Disorganised Alianza could only stop their rivals with fouls.

Guarani (Brazil) 4 (Neto 2, Careca, Toni)
Sport Recife (Brazil) 1 (Robertinho)
HT: 1-1. **Ref:** Carlos Rosa Martins (Brazil).

Guarani: Sergio Neri, Marquinhos, Marcao, Ricardo (Careca), Alberis, Tosin, Barbieri, Neto, Mauro, Toni, Joao Paulo (Maradona).

Sport Recife: Flavio, Betao, Marco Antonio, Ailton, Neto, Dinho, Ribamar, Zico, Robertinho, Augusto, Edson.
SPORT Recife dominated until they scored in the 26th minute. Then Guarani gradually got on top and ran out deserved winners and they also missed several more good chances.

August 16
Sport Recife (Brazil) 5
Alianza Lima (Peru) 0

August 19
Guarani (Brazil) 1 (Careca)
Alianza Lima (Peru) 0
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Juan F. Escobar (Paraguay).

Guarani: Sergio Neri, Marquinhos, Marcao, Junior, Alberis (Elcio), Paulo Isidoro, Barbieri, Boaideiro, Careca, Toni, Pedrinho Maradona.

Alianza: Letelier, Gonzalez, Earl, Garcia, Rojas, Charun, Reynoso, Huertas, Pinto, Valencia, Reina.
GUARANI's superiority during the whole match deserved a bigger winning margin, but they missed numerous chances, Letelier stood out in the Chilean goal and Alianza, in an effort to avoid the 5-0 drubbing experienced three days earlier, put the onus on defence.

Group 5 standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Guarani (Brazil)	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
Universitario (Peru)	4	2	2	0	4	1	6
Sport Recife (Brazil)	5	2	0	3	7	6	4
Alianza Lima (Peru)	6	1	1	4	2	10	3

CONCACAF CLUB CHAMPIONS TROPHY
Central American semi-final group (in Honduras)
August 17
Olimpia (Honduras) 0
Aurora (Guatemala) 0

August 18
Alajuelense (Costa Rica) 2 (Arroyo, Rodhen)
Maraton (Honduras) 0
HT: 2-0.

MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS
Aug 10 — River Plate (Argentina) 2 Verona (Italy) 1; Aug 12 — Olimpia (Honduras) 2 Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) 1; Aug 14 — River Plate (Argentina) 2 Verona (Italy) 2; Aug 18 — Universidad de Tamaulipas (Mexico) 0 Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) 2; Aug 21 — Cobras (Mexico) 1 Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) 1.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS
Aug 2 — Millionarios (Colombia) 2 Uruguay Select 1; Cienfuegos Select (Cuba) 2 Boca Juniors (Argentina) 2; Aug 4 — Independiente Santa Fe (Colombia) 0 Uruguay Select 0; Honduras Select 2 Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) 0; Aug 7 — Honduras Select 1 Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) 2; Aug 18 — Ecuador Select 3 Sporting Cristal (Peru) 2.

ENGLAND

National A Division (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich.....	5	4	1	0	10	5	13
Liverpool	5	3	2	0	9	3	11
Millwall.....	5	3	2	0	10	5	11
Southmptn	5	3	1	1	10	6	10
Man Utd	5	3	1	1	5	1	10
Coventry	4	3	0	1	6	2	9
Arsenal	5	2	1	2	7	5	7
Aston Villa	5	1	4	0	9	8	7
Derby Cnty	5	2	1	2	4	3	7
QPR	5	2	1	2	3	2	7
Sheff Wed	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Tottenham.....	4	1	2	1	8	8	5
Nottm For.....	5	0	4	1	5	6	4
Luton	5	1	1	3	5	7	4
Charlton	5	1	1	3	5	12	4
West Ham	5	1	1	3	4	11	4
Middlesbro.....	5	1	0	4	5	8	3
Newcastle.....	5	0	2	3	4	12	2
Wimbledon.....	5	0	1	4	3	10	1

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
KV Mechelen.....	10	8	2	0	22	8	18
Anderlecht	10	8	1	1	24	9	17
FC Antwerp.....	10	6	3	1	24	14	15
FC Bruges	10	6	2	2	23	9	14
FC Liege	10	5	4	1	21	8	14
St. Truiden	10	5	3	2	14	12	13
Standard Liege ...	10	4	3	3	15	12	11
Waregem.....	10	4	2	4	14	18	10
Kortrijk.....	10	3	3	4	16	16	9
Beerschot	10	3	3	4	14	17	9
Lierse	10	2	4	4	8	15	8
Lokeren.....	10	2	3	5	12	14	7
Beveren.....	10	2	3	5	10	12	7
Charleroi	10	2	3	5	8	20	7
RWDM	10	2	2	6	5	14	6
Racing Genk	10	1	4	5	4	20	6
Cercle Bruges.....	10	1	3	6	8	16	5
Racing Mechelen	10	1	2	7	13	21	4

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris SG	12	7	3	2	16	7	24
Auxere	12	7	3	2	18	10	24
Marseille.....	12	6	5	1	18	10	23
Nice	12	6	3	3	15	12	21
Bordeaux	12	5	5	2	16	7	20
Nantes	12	5	4	2	17	12	19
Monaco	12	5	4	3	12	9	19
Montpellier	12	4	6	2	15	12	18
Sochaux	12	4	5	3	12	7	17
Toulon	12	4	5	3	9	8	17
Cannes.....	12	5	2	5	13	13	17
Racing	12	4	4	4	16	14	16
Metz.....	12	5	1	6	12	12	16
Toulouse	12	4	4	4	10	14	16
Lille	12	4	2	6	10	13	14
Laval	12	4	2	6	13	18	14
Strasbourg	12	2	3	7	13	17	9
Caen	12	2	3	7	7	19	9
Lans.....	12	1	3	8	11	24	6
Saint Etienne	12	0	5	7	6	19	5

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AEK.....	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Volos.....	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Ethnikos	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Aris.....	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Apollon	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
POAK.....	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Larissa.....	3	1	1	1	6	3	3
Doxa Drama.....	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Olympiakos	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
OFI Crete	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Levadiakos.....	3	1	1	1	4	6	3
Panathinaikos	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
Panionios	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
Iraklis.....	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
Diagoras.....	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Kalamaria	3	0	1	2	2	7	1

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lucerne.....	12	7	4	1	16	9	18
Grasshoppers.....	12	5	5	2	20	11	15
Sion	12	5	5	2	12	7	15
Aarau	12	4	5	3	17	12	13
Bellinzona.....	12	5	3	4	19	16	13
Lausanne.....	12	3	5	4	14	16	11
Wettingen	12	2	7	3	9	12	11
Young Boys Bern	12	3	4	5	22	21	1u
Servette Geneva	12	3	4	5	21	22	10
St. Gall	12	4	2	6	18	26	10
Xamax	12	2	5	5	16	21	9
Lugano.....	12	2	5	5	10	21	9

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV Eindhoven ...	7	6	1	0	20	7	13
FC Twente	7	4	3	0	11	4	11
Rotterdam.....	7	4	2	1	17	12	10
Volendam	7	4	1	2	15	9	9
Roda JC.....	7	3	3	1	12	9	9
FC Utrecht	7	4	1	2	12	10	9
FC Groningen	7	3	2	2	18	9	8
Haarlem	7	3	2	2	13	12	8
RKC Waalwijk	7	3	1	3	15	10	7
PEC/Zwolle.....	7	3	1	3	13	12	7
Fortune	7	3	1	3	12	12	7
Sparta.....	7	2	2	3	10	12	6
Ajax Amsterdam	7	2	1	4	13	15	5
Willem II	7	1	3	3	9	13	5
BVV/Den Bosch...	7	1	2	4	9	19	4
MVV Maastricht	7	1	1	5	8	19	3
VVV Venlo	7	0	3	4	3	14	2
SC Veendam	7	1	0	6	5	17	2

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting	6	4	2	0	10	3	10
Benfice	6	3	3	0	10	4	9
Porto	6	3	3	0	5	2	9
Beleneses.....	6	3	2	1	11	5	8
Setubal	6	2	3	1	14	9	7
Maritimo	5	2	3	1	7	5	7
Farense.....	6	3	1	2	5	4	7
Boavista	6	2	2	2	6	5	6
Penafiel	6	2	2	2	5	4	6
Chaves.....	6	2	1	3	4	6	5
Guimaraes	6	1	2	3	3	5	4
Braga	6	1	3	2	4	7	5
Neira-Mar	6	2	1	3	2	5	5
Nacional.....	5	1	2	2	7	9	4
Leixoes	6	1	2	3	5	11	4
Espinho	6	2	1	3	9	8	4
Fafe	3	1	1	1	1	4	3
Viseu.....	5	0	3	2	1	6	3
Amadora.....	6	1	2	3	6	9	3
Portimonense.....	6	1	1	4	4	8	3

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bilbao.....	4	3	10		6	1	7
Barcelona	4	2	2	0	7	2	6
Valencia	4	2	2	0	5	1	6
Celta	4	2	2	0	6	4	6
Gijon	4	2	2	0	6	4	6
Logrones	4	3	0	1	3	2	6
Espanol	4	2	1	1	5	2	5
Real Madrid.....	4	1	3	0	8	6	5
Sevilla	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Real Sociedad	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Osasuna	4	1	2	1	6	4	4
Valladolid	4	2	0	2	5	3	4
Oviedo	4	1	1	2	4	7	3
Betis	4	1	0	3	4	5	2
Malaga	4	0	2	2	3	5	2
Zaragosa	4	0	2	2	2	6	2
Murcia	4	1	0	3	1	7	2
Elche	4	1	0	3	1	7	2
Cadiz.....	4	0	1	3	2	5	1
Athletico Madrid	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

WEST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich ...	7	4	3	0	17	6	11
Stuttgart	7	5	1	1	15	4	11
Bayer Lev.....	8	3	4	1	15	11	10
Bayer Uerdingen	8	3	4	1	10	8	10
Bochum.....	8	3	3	2	10	9	9
Karlsruhe.....	8	4	1	3	16	17	9
Werder Bremen	7	2	4	1	11	11	8
Hamburg	8	3	2	3	10	9	8
Borussia Mg	8	3	2	3	13	13	8
St. Pauli	8	2	4	2	9	9	8
Borussia Dort	7	2	3	2	9	5	7
Kaiserslaughtern	8	1	5	2	11	12	7
Waldhof Mann	8	1	5	2	8	9	7
Nurnberg	8	3	0	5	8	14	6
Eintracht Frank ...	8	2	1	5	4	12	5
Stuttgart Kickers...	8	2	1	5	8	20	5
Hannover.....	8	0	3	5	9	18	3

JAPAN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yamaha.....	22	12	10	0	27	10	34
Nippon Kokan.....	22	13	4	5	25	13	30
Mitsubishi.....	22	12	5	5	27	15	29
Nissan Motors	22	10	5	7	27	20	25
Yoniuri F.C.....	22	8	8	6	23	17	24
Yanmar Diesel....	22	7	10	5	22	19	24
Furukawa.....	22	6	9	7	17	16	21
Honda.....	22	6	8	8	19	22	20
Fulita.....	22	6	6	10	16	20	18
Sumitomo	22	5	5	12	17	32	15
Mazda.....	22	2	9	11	8	18	13
Toyota	22	3	5	14	10	36	11

EURO RESULTS . . . LEAGUE TABLES . . .

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahce	6	4	2	0	13	1	14
Galatasaray.....	6	4	1	1	20	6	13
Boluspor.....	6	4	1	1	9	4	13
Ankaragucu	6	4	0	2	10	7	12
Sariyer.....	5	3	2	0	12	4	11
Besiktas	5	3	2	0	11	4	11
Trabzonspor.....	6	3	2	1	12	7	11
Bursaspor	6	2	2	2	8	7	8
Samsunspor	6	2	2	2	5	4	8
Konyspor	5	2	1	2	4	5	7
Altay	6	2	1	3	8	14	7
Malatyaspor	6	1	3	2	6	12	6
Rizespor.....	5	2	0	3	4	10	6
Adanaspor.....	6	1	2	3	9	15	5
Karsiyaka.....	5	1	2	2	8	11	5
Esk. Spor	5	1	1	3	3	7	4
K. Marasspor	6	0	3	3	1	7	3
Ad. Demirspor....	6	0	2	4	8	16	2
Sakaryaspor	6	0	1	5	5	15	1

COLOMBIA

"Finalización" Championship 1) Nacional 18 points; 2) America, Independiente Santa Fe, Junior Barranquilla 15; 5) Independiente Medellin, Pereira 14; 7) Millionarios, Tolima, Quindio, Sporting Barranquilla, Deportivo Cali, Cucuta 12; 13) Bucaramanga 10; 14) Caldas 5; 15) Union Magdalena 4.
Over-all standings (adding points obtained in both championships — top eight qualify for final round): 1) Nacional 38 points; 2) America 32; 3) Millionarios, Independiente Santa Fe 27; 5) Pereira 26; 6) Quindio, Dep. Cali, Cucuta, Junior Barranquilla 25; 10) Tolima 24; 11) Barranquilla, Independiente Medellin 23; 13) Bucaramanga 19; 14) Union Magdalena 12; 15) Caldas 11.

YUGOSLAVIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rad.....	8	4	3	1	11	4	11
Vojvodina	8	4	2	2	12	5	10
Hajduk	8	4	2	2	11	7	9
Osijek.....	7	3	2	2	8	9	9
Velez.....	6	4	1	1	12	6	8
Radnicki	8	3	3	2	11	6	7
Dinamo	7	3	2	2	11	8	7
Vardar	6	3	1	2	11	10	6
Napradak.....	8	3	2	3	13	14	6
Sarajevo.....	8	2	3	3	3	16	6
Partizan.....	6	2	2	2	13	10	5
Red Star	8	2	3	3	10	8	5
Spartak	6	2	1	4	5	10	5
Buducnost	7	2	2	3	4	9	5
Sloboda.....	6	2	2	2	6	7	4
Esk. Spor	6	2	0	4	9	11	4
Zeleznicar.....	8	1	1	6	3	16	2
Celik	8	1	3	3	4	12	–3

(Celik began the season with 6 penalty points)

URUGUAY

First Division final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Danubio.....	8	7	0	1	17	4	14
Peñarol.....	9	6	2	1	23	12	14
Huracán Buceao	9	5	3	1	11	6	13
Defensor	9	4	3	2	8	6	11
Nacional	6	3	2	1	9	4	8
Cerro	8	4	0	4	8	12	8
Central Español	8	2	3	3	7	10	7
River Plate.....	8	1	4	3	7	8	6
Wanderers.....	6	1	3	2	4	8	5
Bella Vista	8	1	3	4	3	8	5
Miramar Misiones...	9	2	1	6	7	15	5
Liverpool.....	8	1	2	5	2	8	4
Progreso	6	1	0	5	5	11	2

AUSTRALIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth Melbourne....	25	13	8	4	36	28	34
Woollongong	25	13	7	5	43	31	33
Sydney Croatia ...	25	15	3	7	37	29	30
Marconi.....	25	11	8	6	43	25	30
Sydney Olympic	25	9	8	8	27	21	26
Sunshine SG	24	11	4	9	36	36	26
Saint George.....	25	10	5	10	41	35	25
Adelaide City	25	9	8	9	35	35	25
Apia Leichhardt	25	8	7	10	27	32	23
Mel. Croatia	24	8	6	10	26	30	22
Footscray.....	25	6	9	10	32	32	21
Preston	25	5	11	9	29	35	21
Brunswick.....	25	6	5	14	29	43	17
Brisbane Lions ...	25	4	4	17	28	57	12

PERU

Regional Championship Metropolitan zone — final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Union Huaral	12	6	5	1	20	10	17
Universitario	12	7	2	3	19	7	16
San Agustin.....	12	6	4	2	16	13	16
Octavio Espinoza	12	5	5	2	15	12	15
Sporting Cristal	12	4	5	3	16	13	13
Municipal.....	12	6	1	5	15	9	13
Alianza Lima	12	5	3	4	10	7	13
Asoc. Estud. La Union	12	4	3	5	12	14	11
Colegio. Nac. Iquitos.....	12	3	4	5	10	15	10
La Joya.....	12	3	3	6	9	18	9
Internacional	12	2	2	7	10	17	6
Guaradia Rep.	12	0	5	7	9	26	5

(Top 6 qualify for De-centralized championship and Libertadores Cup place playoff)

North zone: 1) Sullana 22 points; 2) Universidad Tecnica Cajamarca 17; 3) Manucci, Libertad 14; 5) Cannana 13; 6) 15 de Septiembre, Grau, Aurich, Hungaritos 12.

South zone: 1) Cienciano, Melgar 19; 3) Coronel Bolognesi 15; 4) Alfonso Ugarte 14; 5) Alianza Naval 9; 6) Tintaya, Diablos Rojos 7; 8) Huracán 6.

Central zone: 1) Junin, Minas San Vicente 15; 3) Union Minas 14; 4) Tarma, Leon 10; 6) Pucallpa 9; 7) Ponce 7; 8) Anda 6.

(Top 2 of North, South and Central zones qualify for De-centralized championship.)

ECUADOR

First Division 1) Liga Deporetiva Universiatara 40 points; 2) Emelec 34; 3) Barcelona, Macara 30; 5) Aucas, Nacional, Deportivo Quito 29; 8) Filanbanco, Universidad Catolica 28; 10) Deportivo Cuenca, Audaz Octobrino 27; 12) Tecnico Universitario, Esmeraldas Petrolero 26; 14) Dep. Quevedo 22; 15) Juventus 20; 16) Universidad de Portoviejo, River Plate 19; 18) America 15.

BOLIVIA

Professional League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolivar	3	2	1	0	7	1	5
The Strongest	4	2	1	1	9	6	5
Oriente Petrolero	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
Destroyers.....	4	1	3	0	5	4	5
Real Santa Cruz.....	4	2	1	1	5	8	5
Litoral	5	2	1	2	5	4	5
Wilsterman.....	5	2	1	2	5	5	5
Ciclon	4	2	0	2	8	7	4
Always Ready	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Blooming	5	1	2	2	3	4	4
Aurora	5	1	2	2	3	5	4
San Jose	5	1	1	3	4	9	3
Universitario	4	1	–	3	3	5	2

1988-90 EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1
(Greece, Denmark,, Bulgaria, Rumania)
18.10.88 Greece v Denmark
18.10.88 Bulgaria v Rumania
1.11.88 Denmark v Bulgaria
1.11.88 Rumania v Greece
25. 4.89 Bulgaria v Denmark
25. 4.89 Greece v Rumania
16. 5.89 Denmark v Greece
16. 5.89 Rumania v Bulgaria
10.10.89 Denmark v Rumania
10.10.89 Bulgaria v Greece
14.11.89 Rumania v Denmark
14.11.89 Greece v Bulgaria

Group 2
(England, Sweden, Poland, Albania)
18.10.88 England v Sweden
18.10.88 Poland v Albania
4.11.88 Albania v Sweden
7. 3.89 Albania v England
25. 4.89 England v Albania
6. 5.89 Sweden v Poland
2. 6.89 England v Poland
5. 9.89 Sweden v England
7.10.89 Sweden v Albania
10.10.89 Poland v England
24.10.89 Poland v Sweden
14.11.89 Poland v Sweden

Group 3
(Soviet Union, Austria, Turkey, East Germany)
18.10.88 Soviet Union v Austria
1.11.88 Austria v Turkey
29.11.88 Turkey v East Germany
11. 4.89 East Germany v Turkey
25. 4.89 Soviet Union v East Germany
9. 5.89 Turkey v Soviet Union
16. 5.89 East Germany v Austria
9. 9.89 Austria v Soviet Union
6.10/7.10.89 East Germany v Soviet Union
24.10.89 Turkey v Austria
7.11.89 Soviet Union v Turkey
14.11.89 Austria v East Germany

Group 4
(Finland, West Germany, Iceland, Holland)
30. 8.88 Finland v West Germany
13. 9.88 Iceland v Holland
28. 9.88 Finland v Iceland
18.10.88 West Germany v Holland
25. 4.89 Holland v West Germany
30. 5.89 Finland v Holland
30. 5.89 Iceland v West Germany
5. 9.89 Iceland v Finland
3.10.89 West Germany v Finland
10.10.89 Holland v Iceland
25.10.89 West Germany v Iceland
14.11.89 Holland v Finland

Group 5
(Norway, Scotland, France, Yugoslavia)
13. 9.88 Norway v Scotland 1-1
27. 9.88 France v Norway
18.10.88 Scotland v Yugoslavia
18.11.88 Yugoslavia v France
7. 3.89 Scotland v France
24. 4.89 France v Yugo

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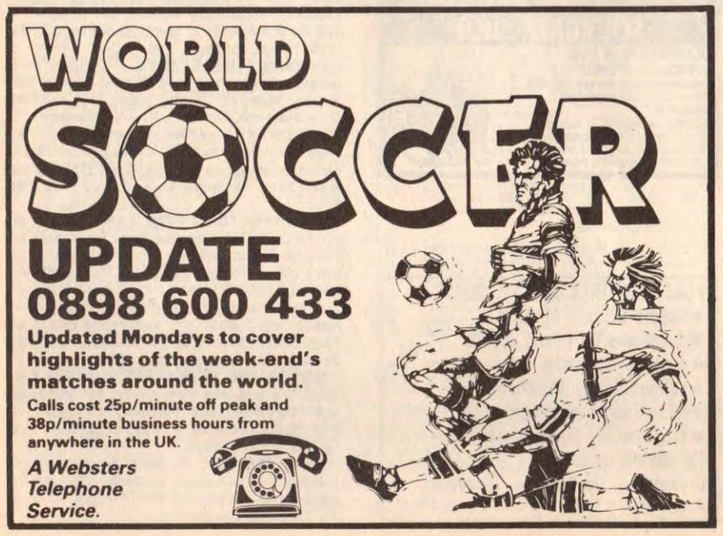

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EXCHANGES

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I AM INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING B'UARA F.C. and Maltese pennants, badges and scarves with people from around the world. Also can exchange all the Maltese 1st Division results from 1900 to 1988. Dar il hena, Bwierag Stn, Bilbibara, Malta.

ANDERLECHT BOY, 21, I collect tickets of football, can you help me in my collection. Robert Luyckfasseel, Frans Timmermans, 45, 1600 Leeuw St Pierre, Belgium.

LONDON GIRL, 19, Interested in Sport and Music and is actively involved in the Portsmouth Supporters Club. Would like to have pen pals from around the World who also support Portsmouth. Send photo to Lucy 324A Uxbridge Road London.

JUVENTUS FAN WANTED to correspond with Liverpool fan 32 to exchange videos (VHS) information on Italian football for English/Scottish games. Write in English to: John Edmonds, 8 Fern Avenue, Erskine, PA8 7AW, Scotland, UK.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CLUBS are offering opportunities for pen pal and player exchanges between U.S. and European soccer teams. Players ages 10 to 19 with at least two years of playing experience and some knowledge of English are sought. Players especially needed for teams in California, Texas and Florida. Many scholarships available. For a complete application and information package, please send £3 (DM 9, Dfl 10) or equivalent of U.S. 5.00 to cover postage and handling to: American International Soccer Clubs, Post Office Box 2131, Lancaster, California 93539-2131, USA.

I WANT TO CORRESPOND with football supporters from all over Europe and I want to exchange flags, caps, scarves and other souvenirs. Zlatkovic Sasa, Visegradska 6, 1800 Nis, Yugoslavia.

ITALIAN DIADORA FOOTBALL TOP (36-38) will swap for anything to do with Russia. D. Sangha, 31 Ravenscourt Road, Redhouse, Sunderland, SR5 5EN, England.

EXCHANGE. Any old games recorded on Philips N. 1700 VCR. All replies answered. Jude Turpin, 39 Ballyclose Street, Limavady, Co Derry, Northern Ireland, BT49 0BL.

A FAN OF EUROPEAN FOOTBALL wants to exchange posters of English teams + players and programmes for posters of European Goalkeepers and teams. Write to: Martin Hayward, 71 Woodberry Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, England, ME10 3AX.

EXCHANGE GUERIN SPORTIVO (Italian magazine) for Brazil items, money etc. D. Woods, 161 North Hill Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, Essex, RM3 7AE, England.

HERO The 1986 World Cup video on VHS in exchange for recent Italy v Denmark match also on VHS. Write to: Gareth Lewis, 33 Llanforda Rise, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 1SY.

I WOULD LIKE TO WRITE to people all over the world to swap statistical information as well as soccer souvenirs. Steve Kovalenko, 114 Kent Street, Brooklyn, New York, USA, 11222.

HUNGARIAN BOY would like to exchange football souvenirs with people from around the world. Kezi Gabor, Budapest 1149, Varga Gyula Park 16/4, Hungary.

COLLECTOR OF FOOTBALL METAL BADGES, magazines and programmes would like to correspond with collectors worldwide. All letters answered. Write in English, German, Polish, Russian etc. Wladuslaw Maximenko, Miera 82/1 16, 226013 Riga, Latuia, USSR.

ENGLAND FAN would like to exchange all types of football souvenirs with fans of Ajax, Barcelona, AC Milan and Bayern Munich. Alan Derrick, 54 Raleigh Road, Newton Abbot, South Devon, TQ12 4HH.

AC MILAN FANS Brigate Rossonere, would like to correspond and exchange scarves, T shirts with English and Dutch football supporters. Vitiorio Carravetta, Via Europa 6, 20089 Rozzano MI, Italy.

CELTIC FAN would like to swap merchandise with French, West German and Spanish fans. Write to: Frankie Daley, 85 Bardykes Road, Blantyre, Glasgow, Scotland, G72 9RH.

I WANT TO EXCHANGE VHS VIDEOS OF Ajax, AC Milan and Bayern Munich for English soccer games which I will provide. D. Meier, 38 Clifton Road, Forest Gate, London, E7.

PROGRAMME COLLECTOR wishes to exchange programmes, especially European games, semi finals, finals and friendlies involving English clubs. Write in English to: Ralph Mortimer, 55 Boyne Avenue, London, NW4 2JL, England.

COLLECTOR OF FOOTBALL VIDEOS would like to exchange tapes with people from all over the world. Please write to: Robin Pleaden, 29 Wyatts Covert, Tilehouse Lane, Denham, Near Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB9 5DJ, England.

ESTORIL FAN? Attended July tournament ? Brighton match programmes wanted will exchange for English or Dutch, match details wanted. Write in English only to: 42 Freeks Lane, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, England.

RANGERS FAN, 14, would like to exchange programmes, souvenirs and possibly return visits for matches with Chelsea fan. Write to: Martin Hendersen, 7 Hunters Avenue, Dumbarton, G82 2RZ, Scotland.

TONY FARRUGIA, 71/2 Triq il Miratur, Floriana, Malta. Would like to exchange football clubs metal badges with people from around the world.

BELGIAN STATISTICIAN would like to come in contact with somebody in Europe or elsewhere for to buy or swap books or information about Cup Winners and Fairs/UEFA cups, I'm searching desperately for all goal scorers of all games in those cups from 1955-56 until now. Write to: Gilbert Rouselle, Nieuwstraat 19 B4, 8400 Ostende, Belgium.

LITHUANIAN, 32, wants to exchange metal enamel badges, International programmes and statistical yearbooks with any collectors from any country. Dr Algirdas Jasinskas, Gagarin Street 5-8, 232001 Vilnius, Lithuania, USSR.

BRAZILIAN CLUB SHIRTS Flamengo, Santos, Corinthians, Sao Paulo etc by penalty. Also Baltimore Blasts. Will exchange for European club shirts or sell SAE to: Steve Cave, 69 Dunelm Drive, Houghton le Spring, Tyne & Wear, DH4 5QH. 091-5843225.

EXCHANGE VIDEOS, Football material or money for videos of Brazil 1 v Sweden 1 and Brazil 1 v Austria 0 (Both 1978 World Cup). Mr D. Woods, 161 North Hill Drive, Harold Hill, Romford, Essex, RM3 7AE, England.

RUMANIAN BOY would like to swap souvenirs with people from around the world. Write in French to: Rusanu Ion, Aleea Baray Bicaz Nr 7, Bl G1 Sc A et 9 Ap 37 Section 3, Bucharest, Rumania.

METAL BADGE COLLECTOR would like to exchange badges with collectors around the world. Write to: Dariusz Rostkouski, 61 563 Poznan, Gorna Wilda 87/6 Poland.

I WOULD LIKE TO SWAP all kinds of football souvenirs including badges and magazines. Andre Luiz Revitte Amaro, PO Box 439, S.J. Campos, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 12 200.

I AM INTERESTED IN COLLECTING football badges, photos, magazines and programmes. Write to: Jan Kwiecinski, Skr Poczfowa Nr 73, 91 701 Lodz 25, Poland.

COLLECTOR OF FOOTBALL BADGES would like to correspond with fellow collectors worldwide. Letters answered in Spanish or English. Write to: Francisco J. Gonzalez, Apartado de Correos No 1089, 35080 Las Palmas, Islas Canarias, Spain.

I WOULD LIKE TO SWAP FOOTBALL SOUVENIRS such as badges, programmes and magazines with people from England. All letters answered. Gretien Slavov, Bul Botev Shose, Bl, 6-A-12, 1517, Sofia 17, Bulgaria.

WILL SWAP 5 English programmes mainly 84-87 for every Manchester United pre-1960 programmes. Also any pre-1970 FA Cup Final programmes accepted. Details to Joe Walsh, 18 Orchar Lane, Ennis, Co Clare, Eire.

WANTED

WANTED: VHS SOCCER VIDEOS of Ajax Amsterdam from 1969 to 1973 state required price. Please contact: Philip Senten, 50 Koonawarra Street, Clayton North, Victoria 3168, Australia.

WANTED: Any posters of the English football team, also looking for pen pals aged 15-17 if interested please write to: Naomi Glover, 22 Fergus Avenue, Carrickfergus, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland, BT38 8JB.

WANTED: Any football books, yearbooks, magazines, brochures (FIFA news, Soccerinfo etc) programmes (cup, league, international match etc) from all over the world. Good price paid. Write in English to: Hideto Tasaki, 16-4 Kitaaobadai, Kawachinagano City, Osaka Fa 568, Japan.

WANTED: Posters of Michel Platini, Diego Maradona and would like to have team pictures of Manchester United and the England national team. Also if anybody happens to have the Michel Platini farewell on video cassette. Matt Suckley, 37680 Alper Drive, Michigan, Sterling Heights 48077, USA.

FOR SALE

DANISH FODBOLD 88 YEARBOOK 8.00 each, post free. Mr C Stayon, 14 Fastnet Road, Leicester, LE5 2PP.

WORLD SOCCERS most issues available. Offers please. G. Hoad, 3 King's Cottages, Caxton, Cambridge.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMES from the 88/89 Euro comps and World cup Qualifying matches. Let me know your requirements I may be able to help, also Dutch and West German, International, Euro comps and League programmes for sale, send sae for lists. Mr C. Stanton, 14 Fastnet Road, Leicester, LE5 2PP.

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FOR SALE: 70 World Soccer editions between 1967 and 1982. Also a few Rothmans yearbooks. SAE for details to: Dave Morrel, 8 Wesley Court, Wooton Bassett, Swindon, Wilts SN4 8JZ.

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FOR SALE: 120 assorted programmes, mainly 1979, 80, 81. Good condition. £30. Websters Publications, Box No 007, 29th Floor, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London, SE1 9LS.

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